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Message from Honourable Rob Renner
Minister of Municipal Affairs

The high quality of life that Albertans enjoy is supported by strong local government.

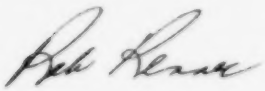
This strength is built on municipalities having access to reliable, predictable revenue sources to address the realities of today and plan for tomorrow.

I am proud that Alberta Municipal Affairs, with support from various provincial departments, has compiled the Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook. This new publication was created to provide municipalities with information on potential financial assistance available from provincial government initiatives and programs. The handbook contains basic information on municipal grant and cost-sharing programs, eligibility criteria, program timelines, application deadlines, contact details and supporting information.

The Government of Alberta remains committed to working in partnership with all Alberta municipalities to help deliver the high quality services that our citizens deserve by maintaining a commitment to excellence in local governance.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can achieve common goals where collectively we make our communities safer, prosperous and more attractive places to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Renner
Minister
Alberta Municipal Affairs

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FOREWORD

A primary goal of Alberta Municipal Affairs is to ensure the safety and resilience of Alberta communities by working together with Alberta's municipalities, other government departments, local authorities, local organizations, and the private sector. The Ministry's vision is to have an effective, responsive and well-managed local government sector in Alberta. To support this vision, Alberta Municipal Affairs prepared this **Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook**.

The Handbook aims to enhance Alberta municipalities' ability to access information regarding provincial financial assistance. The Handbook contains basic information on approximately 70 municipal grant and cost-sharing programs, including a description of objectives, eligibility criteria, financial assistance available, program timelines, application deadlines, contact details, and other supporting information.

The **Quick Reference Guide** provides highlights of each program and can be used to quickly identify programs by key criteria.

Alberta Municipal Affairs has worked with thirteen other ministries and has made every effort to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information presented. However, we cannot guarantee that all errors and omissions were caught. As well, except for the Municipal Sponsorship Program, the information contained in the Handbook was compiled in April 2006 and does not reflect any subsequent program changes. The Handbook is provided for reference purposes only. Readers are referred to program contacts for more detailed and definitive information about each program.

The Handbook has been distributed to the Chief Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers of Alberta Municipalities. In addition, the Handbook is available online at http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/. Copies of this publication may be obtained through Alberta Municipal Affairs. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to suggest the addition of a program to future publications of this Handbook please contact Alberta Municipal Affairs.

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DEFINITIONS

1) "Local Government Entities" means organizations that are established by a municipality and/or rely on a municipality for a substantial portion of their funding to engage in activities related to municipal matters. Typical examples of these organizations include library boards, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) boards, Agricultural Service boards, and recreational boards.

2) "Municipality" means a city, town, village, summer village, municipal district or specialized municipality, and is consistent with the definition in the Municipal Government Act.

3) "Partnership" can either be an inter-municipal partnership or a private-public partnership in which a relationship exists between two entities that are working towards the same goal.

4) "Cost-sharing program" is a program in which the Provincial Government pays a certain portion of a project's expenses and the municipality or local government entity receiving financial assistance pays for the remaining portion of the project's expenses. For example, some cost-sharing programs consist of the Alberta Government paying 75 percent of the respective project's expenses and the entity paying the other 25 percent of the project's expenses.

Part I QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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Funding Agency/Program	**Initiative/Grant**	**Target/Focus**	**Max Assistance Available**	**Type**	**Cost Sharing**			
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development								**11**
First Nations Economic Partnerships Initiative	Strategic Economic Initiatives	Aboriginal economic projects	50% funded up to $100,000	Operating	x	2005/2006 to 2009/2010	June 30, 2006, September 15, 2006 and January 31, 2007	13
Agriculture, Food and Rural Development								**15**
Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program	Farm Based Grants	Agriculture environment	75% funded	Operating	x	2008 to 2010	November 2007	17
Agricultural Service Board		Support of Alberta's agricultural sector	60% funded up to $150,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	June 1	19
Municipal Industrial Wastewater Infrastructure for Agricultural Processing Program		Infrastructure (wastewater)	Study costs: 50% funded up to $50,000 Infrastructure: 1/3 funded	Mixed	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	20
Children's Services								**21**
Family and Community Support Services Program		Preventative social services	80% funded	Operating	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	23
Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Community Incentive Fund		Family violence & bullying	up to $75,000	Operating		Annually recurring	Announced annually	25
Community Development								**27**
Alberta Public Library Electronic Network		Library service	Individually assessed	Operating		Annually recurring	Anytime	29
Alberta Public Library Operating Grant Program		Library service	$7.51 per capita	Operating		Annually recurring	June 15	30
Alberta Public Library Service Grant – Projects		Library service	Individually assessed	Mixed		One time	October 31	31
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Grant Program		Equality	50% funded	Operating	x	Annually recurring	May 1 and October 1	32
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	Arts Festivals Program	Promotion of arts	50% funded up to $40,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	October 1	34
	Community Presenting Program	Promotion of arts	50% funded up to $40,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	July 15	36
	Community Support Organizations - Operating Grant Program	Promotion of arts	30% funded of admin; 50% of expenses funded up to $40,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	November 15	38
	Community Support Organizations - Project Grant Program	Promotion of arts	$10,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	September 1	40
	Provincial Youth Arts Summer Schools	Youth arts	Based on formula	Operating		Annually recurring	November 1	42

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Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	Alberta Main Street Program	Alberta's heritage, downtown revitalization	$134,000	Mixed	x	Annually recurring	Periodic	43
	Heritage Preservation Partnership Program	Alberta's heritage	$75,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	February 1 and September 1	45
Municipal Heritage Partnership Program		Alberta's heritage	50% funded up to $30,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	47
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation	Alberta Games Program - Seniors Games	Seniors well being	$170,000	Mixed		Bi-annually recurring	2½ years prior to Games	49
	Alberta Games Program - Summer and Winter Games	Promote fitness & develop Alberta athletes	$410,000	Mixed		Bi-annually recurring	2½ years prior to Games	50
	Development Initiatives Program	Active lifestyles	$1,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	January 1, May 1, October 1	51
	Hosting Program	Major events	$30,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1	52
Wild Rose Foundation	Youth Initiatives Limited Grant Program	Youth community involvement	$10,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	April 1 to January 31	54
Energy								**57**
Natural Gas Rebate Program		Natural gas prices	$3.25/GJ	Operating		Ends March 31, 2009	June 30	59
Environment								**61**
Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control Program		Water management and erosion control	65% funded up to $275,000	Capital	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	63
Resource Recovery Grant Program		Environment (recycling)	75% funded	Capital	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	65
Waste Management Assistance Program		Environment (waste)	Individually assessed	Capital		Annually recurring	Anytime	67
Finance								**69**
Tax Exempt Fuel User Program		Fuel prices	Individually assessed	Operating		Annually recurring	No later than three years after the end of the calendar year in which the fuel was purchased	71
Gaming								**73**
Community Facility Enhancement Program		Facility enhancement	Matching program up to $125,000	Capital	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	75
Community Initiatives Program		Community programming	Matching program up to $75,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	77
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Summer Temporary Employment Program		Employment	$6.05 per hour	Operating		Annually recurring	February 28	81

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Alberta Cities Transportation Partnership Program	Basic Capital Grant	Transportation	75% funded up to $60 per capita	Capital	x	Annually recurring	April 1	85
	City Transportation Fund	Transportation	$0.05 per litre	Capital		Annually recurring	March 31	87
	City Special Transportation Grant	Transportation	75% funded up to $3,000,000	Capital	x	2003/2004 to 2006/2007	Any time - projects must be completed by March 31, 2008	89
	Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant	Transportation (highways)	$1,959 per lane-kilometres	Capital		Annually recurring	December 31	91
Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program		Infrastructure	$180 per capita	Capital		2005/2006 to 2010/2011	April 1	93
Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program		Water/Wastewater management	75% funded	Capital	x	Annually recurring	November 30, 2006	95
Canada - Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund		Infrastructure	1/3 funded	Capital	x	2006/2007 to 2009/2010	July 31, 2006 and July 31, 2007	97
Community Airport Program		Public airports	Individually Assessed	Capital		Annually recurring	October 1	99
Local Road Bridge Program		Construction, maintenance of bridges	Individually assessed	Capital		Annually recurring	April 1	101
New Deal for Cities and Communities		Infrastructure	Based on population	Capital		2005/2006 to 2009/2010	April 1	103
New Deal for Public Transit Program		Transportation (public transit)	$500,000 plus share based on ridership stats	Capital		2005/2006 to 2009/2010	March 31	105
Resource Road Program		Transportation	75% funded up to $2,250,000	Capital	x	2003/2004 to 2008/2009	November 30, 2006 November 30, 2007	106
Rural Transportation Grant		Roadways	Based on formula	Capital		Annually recurring	April 1	108
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	Optional Enhanced Grant	Local priorities	$250,000	Mixed		Ending 2006/2007	October 16, 2006	131
	Optional Special Grant for the Collection of Infrastructure Data	Infrastructure Data Collection	$50,000	Mixed		Ending 2006/2007	October 16, 2006	133

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Grants in Place of Taxes Program		Municipal funding	Individually assessed	Mixed		Annually recurring	Anytime	122
Intermunicipal Dispute Resolution Initiative		Dispute resolution	Individually assessed	Operating	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	123
Local Dispute Resolution Initiative		Build conflict management capacity	$35,000 - additional $15,000 in matching money	Operating		Annually recurring	Anytime	125
Municipal Energy Efficiency Assistance Program		Environment (energy efficiency)	Based on population	Loan interest subsidy		Ending 2006/2007	June 1, 2006 & December 1, 2006	126
Municipal Internship Program		Employment	$34,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	September	128
Regional Partnerships Initiative	Exploration Grant	Regional cooperation	$75,000	Operating		Annually recurring	Anytime	134
	Implementation Grant	Regional cooperation	75% funded up to $150,000	Operating	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	136
Regional Services Commission Assistance Program		Support Regional Services commissions	$20,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	Within 6 months of establishing a regional services commission	138
Unconditional Municipal Grant Program		Municipal funding	Based on 1994 business plan	Mixed		Annually recurring	Not required - automatic	139
West Nile Virus Targeted Mosquito Larval Control Program		Public health	Based on a graded scale of risk up to $85,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	Announced annually, usually end of May	140
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Canada – Alberta Affordable Housing Program	Affordable Housing Partnership Initiative – Phase II	Housing	Lesser of $150,000 or 50% of cost	Capital	x	2005/2006 to 2006/2007	March, 2007	145
Rural Capital Projects Initiative	Rural Affordable Supportive Living	Housing	Up to 50% funded	Capital	x	Ending 2006/2007	October 13, 2006	147
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Alberta Community Crime Prevention Grant Program		Crime prevention	$50,000	Mixed		Annually recurring	Announced annually Spring or summer	151
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Solicitor General and Public Security (continued)								
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FireSmart Community Grant Program		Wildfire protection	$50,000	Operating		Annually recurring	June 15, 2006	161
Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program		Wildfire protection	75% of eligible costs in excess of $25 per capita	Operating	x	Annually recurring	Anytime	162

Part II FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INVENTORY

Alberta | **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

Strategic Economic Initiatives

FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE

Objectives:	To support sustainable First Nations economic partnership projects that demonstrate significant strategic value, facilitate First Nations participation in the economy, and contribute to current learning and understanding of First Nations economic development.
Description:	Under the Strategic Economic Initiatives (SEI) Program, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) support and financially contribute to economic partnership projects and initiatives involving First Nations and other partners, such as industry, governments and other stakeholders. The SEI is part of the First Nations Economic Partnerships Initiative (FNEPI) designed to increase First Nations participation in the economy.
Eligible Entities:	Tribal Councils, First Nations, First Nations companies and organizations, or non-government organizations that directly promote the economic capacity building of First Nations. Applications will be considered from a non-First Nations partner, for example municipalities, where there is First Nation support.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Priority will be placed on proposals that demonstrate: • Significant commitment and contribution by industry or other partners, such as First Nations organizations or municipal, provincial, or federal governments • Strategic economic significance, including demonstration of promising practice • Project viability and opportunity for First Nation sustainability and self-sufficiency; and • Quality workplans and measurable results
Project Examples:	Projects and initiatives that focus on: • Strategic economic plans • Human resource and organizational development • Identification of economic and business development opportunities • Feasibility studies, business plans and other technical studies
Financial Assistance Available:	Each project will receive a maximum of $100,000 per fiscal year and will be funded to a maximum of 50 percent of project costs. No project will be funded more than once in a fiscal year. Project funding will generally be for a 12 month period. Multi-year funding will be considered, however, each subsequent year is conditional on a successful annual project review. Ineligible uses of funding: • Honoraria, retirement of debt, purchase or rental of facilities or equipment • Capitalization of business enterprises (e.g., equity or working capital) • Operating and maintenance costs for a First Nations organization • Projects related to gaming, tobacco and alcohol retail sales, and adult entertainment • Projects not formally sponsored by First Nations and external partners
Program Timelines:	Five-year program with funding allocated from April 2005 to March 2008. Funding for the final two years of the program is subject to program success during the first three years.

Application Deadlines:	June 30, 2006, September 15, 2006, and January 15, 2007.
Web Site:	www.aand.gov.ab.ca/AANDNonFlash/
Contact Information:	First Nations and Métis Relations Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development 1301 Commerce Place, 10155 -102 Street Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6 T: (780) 427-8407 F: (780) 427-1760

Alberta **Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

Farm Based Grants

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Objectives:	To enhance the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices by the agriculture and agri-food processing sectors.
Description:	The Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESA) program is a provincially funded, industry program directed by the AESA Council and delivered by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AAFRD). AESA facilitates the adoption of environmentally responsible management practices by developing and delivering programs, tools and information. With AESA funding, municipalities, producers, First Nations and environmental groups, and agencies concerned with environmental stewardship in agriculture are finding better ways to meet the challenges facing the industry.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs), First Nations, environmental organizations and agricultural organizations, as well as research associations are eligible to apply for funding.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects must design environmentally sustainable extension programs that address priority management issues identified by the AESA Council, such as nutrient management, sustainable grazing and riparian management and integrated crop management, which also include responsible pesticide use. The following program planning model is to be used for all applications: • Level 1: Local needs assessment, analysis of audience and resources and goal setting • Level 2: Develop objectives and design activities • Level 3: Develop an evaluation plan The model can be used by applicants in planning their conservation programs. When making decisions on the value of each program and the allocation of grant funding, AESA will also use the model. Eligible entities can apply for funding to hire an AESA Extension staff member who will help implement the program according to the program planning model submitted.
Project Examples:	Funding is provided for local community based extension programs that encourage farmers and ranchers to adopt environmental Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs). These programs require extension activities such as writing newsletters, setting up workshops, field days and demonstrations with farmers.
Financial Assistance Available:	Approved projects will be funded at a cost-sharing ratio of 75 percent by AESA and 25 percent by the applicant. Of the 75 percent funded by AESA, 70 percent must go towards the manpower cost of hiring an Extension staff member and 30 percent can be used for eligible extension costs. Funding is given for a three-year term; however, projects need to update AESA each year in order to continue to be approved for funding.
Program Timelines:	Programs run every three years; 2006 is the second year of a three year cycle. The next cycle for programs is 2008-2010.
Application Deadlines:	For the next cycle beginning in 2008, applications are due in November 2007.
Web Site:	www.aesa.ca/new/farm.cfm

Contact Information:	AESA Program Manager Conservation and Development Branch Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development J. G. O' Donoghue Building 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6 T: (780) 427-3885 F: (780) 422-0474

Agricultural Service Board

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to Agricultural Service Boards in the delivery of agricultural programs and services that are mutually beneficial to the municipality, its ratepayers and the Province.
Description:	The Agricultural Service Board grant program is intended to support Agricultural Service Boards in performing provincially delegated responsibilities regarding the enforcement of the Agricultural Service Board Act, Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pests Act, Soil Conservation Act and the Livestock Diseases Act, and the development of programs and services that protect, sustain and improve agricultural capability in Alberta. It also provides for financial incentives and technical assistance to enable the administration of provincial acts and resulting programs at the municipal level. On an annual basis, $10.6 million is distributed to the municipalities through this program.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities with an established Agricultural Service Board.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Programs developed and managed by an Agricultural Service Board as legislated by the Agricultural Service Board Act. Designation of an agricultural fieldman is also eligible.
Project Examples:	• Roadside Weed Control program • Weed Inspection program • Disease and Insect Control program • Predator Control program
Financial Assistance Available:	Maximum allocation of $150,000 per year per Agricultural Service Board. Programs managed by an Agricultural Service Board are funded on a cost-shared basis of 40 percent municipality / 60 percent by Alberta Agriculture.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	June 1.
Web Site:	*No website available*
Contact Information:	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development J. G. O'Donoghue Building 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6 T: (780) 415-9930 or toll-free at 1-866-882-7677 F: (780) 427-5921

Municipal Industrial Wastewater Infrastructure for Agricultural Processing Program

Objectives:	To assist municipalities to strengthen and diversify their economic base by investing in the water/wastewater infrastructure required to accommodate significant agricultural processing developments.
Description:	The need for industrial wastewater infrastructure has been identified as an important issue, particularly as it relates to rural communities who often do not have the population base to absorb major infrastructure investments. The Municipal Industrial Wastewater Infrastructure for Agricultural Processing Program (MIWIAP) encourages shared funding of municipal industrial water/wastewater infrastructure and water/wastewater infrastructure feasibility studies between the Province, the municipality and the private sector.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	To qualify, an infrastructure project must have eligible costs of at least $500,000. The project must involve the construction or expansion of municipally owned water/wastewater infrastructure to accommodate a significant agricultural processing development. Feasibility studies that assess the water/wastewater infrastructure options for municipalities relative to eligible infrastructure developments are also eligible for program assistance.
Project Examples:	Water treatment plants, water lines, water reservoirs, wastewater treatment plants, wastewater pipelines, wastewater lagoons, equipment, consulting services, project management, labour and material.
Financial Assistance Available:	Municipalities may receive up to one-half of eligible feasibility study costs, with the maximum grant being $50,000 per study. The maximum grant levels for infrastructure developments are one-third of eligible project costs for municipalities with a population of less than 40,000 and 15 percent of eligible project costs for municipalities with a population of 40,000 or more. Eligible costs for capital projects include: expenditures for land, site improvements including lagoons, equipment, consulting services, project management, labour and material. Eligible feasibility study costs include fees and disbursements of qualified third party consultants.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/afi5314?opendocument
Contact Information:	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Municipal Industrial Wastewater Infrastructure for Agricultural Processing Program Rural Investments Division #304, 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6 T: (780) 422-2611 F: (780) 422-3655

Alberta | **Children's Services**

Family and Community Support Services Program

Objectives:	To design and deliver social programs that are preventive in nature to promote and enhance the well-being of individuals, families and communities.
Description:	Since 1966, the Government of Alberta, together with participating municipalities and Métis settlements, has jointly funded preventive social services for Albertans through the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program. Designed to meet the preventive social programming needs of the local community, FCSS projects and services offer a range of support for people of all ages. The projects and services are intended to help individuals in their community adopt healthy lifestyles, thereby improving the quality of life and building the capacity to prevent and/or deal with crisis situations should they arise. FCSS emphasizes local decision-making for programming, based on the belief that communities have the desire, energy and resources to build community capacity. Each municipality or Métis settlement therefore determines how the dollars they receive should be allocated to best meet local needs.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities and Métis settlements.

Project Eligibility Criteria:	In providing for the establishment, administration and operation of a program, a municipality or Métis settlement must do all of the following:
	• Promote and facilitate the development of stronger communities
	• Promote public participation in planning, delivery and governing the program and services provided under the program
	• Promote and facilitate the involvement of volunteers
	• Promote efficient and effective use of resources
	• Promote and facilitate co-operation and co-ordination with allied service agencies operating within the municipality
	Services provided under the program must:
	• Be of a preventive nature that enhances the social well-being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity
	• Do one or more of the following:
	  ◦ Help people develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis
	  ◦ Help people develop an awareness of social needs
	  ◦ Help people develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people
	  ◦ Help people and communities assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them
	  ◦ Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community
	Services provided under the program must not:
	• Provide primarily for the recreational needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals
	• Offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family
	• Be primarily rehabilitative in nature

	• Duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency
Project Examples:	• Parent-child development activities • Youth development services • Home support services • Information and referral services • Outreach programs
Financial Assistance Available:	FCSS funding is available to all municipalities and Métis settlements that choose to develop and deliver social programs that are preventive in nature. The Province provides 80 percent funding and municipalities/Métis settlements contribute a minimum 20 percent matching share. Using an established funding allocation model based on the population of each participating municipality/Métis settlement (with an adjustment for median income), provincial funding is distributed quarterly to local FCSS Programs. The Province calculates the maximum grant available to each municipality in the fall of each year for subsequent calendar year funding. Métis settlements receive their funding concurrently with the provincial financial year, therefore no adjustments are required. Expenditures of the program shall not include: • The purchase of land or buildings • The construction or renovation of a building • The purchase of motor vehicles • Any costs required to sustain an organization that do not relate to direct service delivery under the program • Municipal property taxes and levies • Any payments to a member of a board or committee, other than reimbursement for expenses
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Municipalities may submit letters to the Minister of Children's Services at any time during the year to request joining the program.
Web Site:	www.child.gov.ab.ca/whatwedo/fcss/page.cfm?pg=index
Contact Information:	Alberta Children's Services Community Strategies and Support Division Community Partnerships 10th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street Edmonton, AB T5K 2N2 T: (780) 415-8150 F: (780) 427-1258 Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta #106, 8944 - 182 Street Edmonton, AB T5T 2E3 T: (780) 415-4791 F: (780) 415-4793 E-mail: fcssaa@telusplanet.net

Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Community Incentive Fund

Objectives:	To support communities as they move forward in their commitment to a collaborative, coordinated response to family violence and bullying.
Description:	The Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Community Incentive Fund has been developed to support local action on the long term vision identified in the Alberta Roundtable on Family Violence and Bullying report, entitled Finding Solutions Together. The Fund's application and approval process is designed to involve communities in decision making through the participation of regional review committees who then put forward their recommendations.
Eligible Entities:	Community organizations are eligible as well as groups of people pulled from various committees to work together for the prevention of family violence and bullying in their community.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects must meet the following criteria: • Must focus on the prevention of family violence and bullying specifically. • Must clearly explain how the project will have a direct impact on moving the organization one or more of the Key action areas outlined in the Finding Solutions Together Report. • Must identify other Alberta members of [illegible] community who possess [illegible] knowledge about [illegible] of family violence and/or bullying. • Must be a part of a local community action plan with a local coordinating committee of family violence and/or bullying community stakeholders [illegible] necessary to support and implement a coordinated community response to family violence and/or bullying. Applicants should find out about local coordinating committees in the community because the Community Incentive Fund program will continue to build on current community capacity and will work with either existing committees to strengthen their role in the community, or provide support for the development of a local coordinating committee.
Project Examples:	• Local conferences, workshops • Information nights, presentations • Resource development within the community
Financial Assistance Available:	There are two types of grant funding available: up to $10,000 and up to $75,000. Funding up to $10,000 must have a minimum of two community partners and may include a business partner. The grant for up to $75,000 must have a minimum of four community partners and at least one business sector partner. Funds will be approved based on demographics and need in each Child and Family Services Authority regional boundary.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Exact dates vary every year. Contact the Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Division or check the website below for further information. Applicants that are recommended for approval will be required to submit a full project proposal, including a detailed project description, budget, and expected outcomes and measures.
Web Site:	[illegible]

Contact Information:	Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Division Alberta Children's Services 6th Floor, Sterling Place 9940 – 106th Street Edmonton, AB T5K 2N2 T: (780) 422-5916 or toll free by first dialing 310-0000 F: (780) 422-2039

Alberta Community Development

Alberta Public Library Electronic Network

Objectives:	To support Alberta public libraries in their provision of library services to the public through electronic means.
Description:	The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN) supports Alberta public libraries by: • Providing opportunities for collaboration, cooperation and innovation with public libraries and libraries of other sectors • Coordinating the development and growth of an electronic library network and a single point of entry to information and resources for Albertans • Facilitating opportunities for the development of content on the network • Facilitating opportunities for libraries to increase their capacity for electronic services to the public through, but not limited to, funding, training, human resources, infrastructure and equipment • Promoting electronic library services to the public APLEN also works with libraries to establish shared service delivery policies. APLEN is primarily funded by Alberta Community Development.
Eligible Entities:	Alberta public library boards, established in compliance with the Libraries Act.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	APLEN provides funding for capacity and network development projects, training programs, and subsidizes the licensing of electronic databases. Project eligibility is assessed per project.
Project Examples:	• Yellowhead Regional Library - Purchase of Customer Edge Devices (CEDs) to access the SuperNet • Grand Prairie Public Library - Technology training for library staff • Grand Prairie Public Library - Project to upgrade public access computers • Capacity and Network development projects
Financial Assistance Available:	Assessed per project.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca
Contact Information:	Program Manager APLEN 6-14, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square Edmonton, AB T5J 2V5 T: (780) 414-0805 F: (780) 414-0806 E-mail: admin@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca

Alberta Public Library Operating Grant Program

Objectives:	To support equitable access to library services for all Albertans, to maintain a governance structure, to provide funding assistance and to establish a province-wide network for communications and sharing of library resources.
Description:	In Alberta, public libraries are created by municipal by-law and governed by public library boards. Library boards are governed by the *Libraries* Act and its accompanying regulations. Provincial funding to the public libraries is regulated though the Community Development Grants Regulation, which is administered by Alberta Community Development. The Libraries Act sets out the governance structure for public library service. It provides for the establishment of municipal and community library boards at the local level and system boards at the regional level. These autonomous boards cooperate through provincial networks and resource sharing agreements to give access to public library resources to all Albertans.
Eligible Entities:	Alberta public library boards, established in compliance with the Libraries Act.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Operating grants are provided to library boards. Each of the 226 municipal library boards and 7 library system boards established under the Libraries Act of Alberta is eligible for provincial funding. To be eligible for maximum provincial funding a municipal library board must receive a minimum of $2.72 per resident from its municipal council. In addition, to be eligible a library system must receive a minimum of $1.53 per resident from the municipal councils that are part of the library system. Eligible library boards must submit a plan of service (every three to five years) to Community Development and comply with the service requirements listed under the Libraries Act.
Project Examples:	*Not applicable.*
Financial Assistance Available:	Maximum municipal operating grant is $4.29 per capita based on local appropriation of at least $2.72 per resident (2005 municipal population). Library boards serving fewer than 600 people receive a flat grant of $2,600 and those serving between 601 and 1,200 receive a grant of $5,250. Maximum system operating grant is $3.22 per capita based on an additional minimum local appropriation to the system board of $1.53 per resident.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	June 15.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building_communities/public_library/index.asp
Contact Information:	Libraries, Community and Voluntary Sector Services Branch Alberta Community Development 803 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 427-6315 F: (780) 415-8594 E-mail: libraries@gov.ab.ca

Alberta Public Library Service Grant – Projects

Objectives:	To assist library boards to implement programs and services identified in community needs assessments in order to meet the service needs of their residents.
Description:	On March 7, 2006, the Minister of Community Development announced a one-time funding of $20 million for Alberta's libraries. The program includes a per capita payment of $1.71 for library boards and $1.38 per capita for library system boards paid in 2006 and again in 2007. Project funding for programs identified as provincial priorities will become available later in 2006.
Eligible Entities:	Alberta public library boards, established in compliance with the Libraries Act.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Local and library system board grants may be used to buy new materials, provide programs, or assist with the purchase of computers and equipment that make online resources and services more accessible in the community. Project funding is intended to support the development of library programs and services related to new Canadians, Aboriginal populations, people who cannot read conventional print, and pre-school and family literacy support.
Project Examples:	A list of eligible projects will be provided to libraries and library organizations in the summer of 2006.
Financial Assistance Available:	Each project is assessed for assistance individually and the amount of financial assistance available depends on the program's budget and the number of project applications.
Program Timelines:	One time program.
Application Deadlines:	October 31, 2006.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building_communities/public_library/index.asp
Contact Information:	Libraries, Community and Voluntary Sector Services Branch Alberta Community Development 803 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 427-6315 F: (780) 415-8594 E-mail: libraries@gov.ab.ca

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Grant Program

Objectives:	To reduce discrimination, foster equality and build welcoming and inclusive communities, workplaces and organizations.
Description:	The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Grant Program supports the Alberta Government's efforts to foster equality, promote fairness, and encourage the creation of inclusive workplaces and communities. The program provides financial assistance to support social change that reduces individual, institutional, and systemic discrimination and racism in order to facilitate the full participation of Albertans in all aspects of society.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	• Projects must take place in Alberta and benefit Albertans • The applicant must demonstrate the ability to undertake the project • Projects must address a community need • One of the results of the project must be change • Projects must demonstrate solid planning and community involvement • Projects should involve those people or communities directly affected by the issue • Projects should build upon the strengths and resources of the community as well as the organization • Projects should be developed and delivered in ways that respect cultural beliefs and practice • Projects affecting organizational change should demonstrate the commitment and support of that organization's senior management • Projects developed to assist businesses, institutions and other service providers to improve their services must have the commitment of the organization that is expected to change Funding is not available for: • Operational or core support • Capacity building related to financial resources or governance • Projects that have already happened • Ongoing programs • Construction, construction materials or the purchase of capital equipment • Food and beverages • Fundraising projects
Project Examples:	• Changing organizations: Projects that change organizational cultures and practices that discriminate or undermine equality. • Building community bridges: Partnerships between diversity groups and institutions that encourage the civic engagement of these groups. • Building organizational and community capacity: Projects that help organizations build social cohesion and inclusion, or develop resources and collective skills to bring about changes that will reduce discrimination and foster equality. • Educating for change: Projects that change public attitudes toward diversity groups; modify individual and group behaviours that discriminate or create barriers to participation; or mobilize public action to reduce individual, institutional, and systemic discrimination and racism.

	Project themes include: • Aboriginal peoples • Anti-racism, diversity and multiculturalism • Children, youth and families • Educators • Inclusive organizations • Persons with disabilities • Women's issues
Financial Assistance Available:	The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Grant Program is a cost-sharing program. The grant may be an amount equal to or less than 50 percent of the project costs. Not-for-profit groups may combine the value of in-kind goods and services that are directly related to the project with cash contributions to form part of the applicant's contribution to project costs.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	May 1 for projects that begin the following August or later, and October 1 for projects that begin the following January or later.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/educationfund
Contact Information:	Education Fund Consultant Alberta Community Development Human Rights and Citizenship Branch Suite 310, 525 - 11 Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2R 0C9 T: (403) 297-2768 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (403) 297-6567

Arts Festivals Program

ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Objectives:

To support the presentation of artists in all artistic disciplines by reimbursing a portion of artists' fees for presentations that have occurred in the preceding year to organizations that run festivals as all or part of their programming.

Description:

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) is a crown agency of the Government of Alberta formed in 1991. Each year, $22.6 million from lottery revenues is distributed by the AFA to individual artists and arts organizations in the visual, performing and literary arts, and cultural industries. The Arts Festivals Program is one of many programs administered by AFA.

Eligible Entities:

Municipalities, Métis settlements, First Nations Bands, registered not-for-profit organizations, schools, institutions recognized by Alberta Learning, churches and library boards who have been in operation in Alberta for one full year.

Eligible organizations must:

- Demonstrate financial stability for at least one year
- Have successfully run an arts festival prior to applying
- Have at least 50 percent of its board members or ruling council living in the community or region where the festival is held
- Have held the festival during the twelve-month period immediately prior to the grant deadline

Project Eligibility Criteria:

Arts presentations, performances, readings, or exhibitions must be the primary reason for the festival. Touring artists in the performing, visual, and literary arts must be based outside of the host community unless they are professional artists.

The event must be open to the public.

Ineligible projects are:

- Exhibitions sponsored through the AFA's Travelling Exhibition Program
- Performances/presentations by resident non-professional individuals and groups
- Entertainment provided as part of rodeos, stampedes, grandstand performances, trade fairs, parades, meals, conventions, community dances, student union cabarets, and other primarily social events
- Performances/presentations that are not available to the general public, either through festival passes or casual sales
- Performances/presentations by staff and board members of organizations applying for the grant
- Performances/presentations by faculty members of an educational institution applying for the grant
- Performances/presentations by hypnotists, disc-jockeys, moderators or ropers

Project Examples:

Arts presentations, performances, readings or exhibitions.

Financial Assistance Available:

Up to 50 percent of artists' costs to a maximum of $40,000 (subject to artist residency conditions). Artists' costs are all costs directly related to bringing artists to the festival, such as artists' fees, travel, and accommodation. Only artists' fees for presentations, performances, readings, and exhibitions are eligible expenses.

Fees paid to directors, producers, or other members of the film and video industry participating in panel discussions, workshops, or other presentations are eligible expenses only if the public can attend these events.

	Costs not eligible for funding include: • Fees for other activities, such as instructional workshops, dances, lectures, panels and discussions • GST
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	October 1.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/all_about_us/commissions/arts/fastforms/index.asp
Contact Information:	Alberta Foundation for the Arts 901 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 427-9968 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000

Community Presenting Program

ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Objectives:	To support the presentation of artists in all artistic disciplines by reimbursing community organizations a portion of artists' fees for presentations that have occurred in the preceding year.
Description:	The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) is a crown agency of the Government of Alberta formed in 1991. Each year, $22.6 million from lottery revenues is distributed by the AFA to individual artists and arts organizations in the visual, performing and literary arts, and cultural industries. The Community Presenting Program is one of many programs administered by AFA.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, Métis settlements, First Nations Bands, registered not-for-profit organizations, schools, churches and library boards. Eligible organizations must: • Demonstrate financial stability for at least one year • Have at least 50 percent of its board members or ruling council living in the community or region where the presentations are given • Have a policy of presenting a series of at least three different touring attractions during the twelve-month period from July 1 to June 30 immediately prior to the grant deadline. Applicants with fewer than three different touring attractions may qualify for funding by providing a cover letter to AFA detailing the reasons why more events were not presented.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The presentation, performance, reading, or exhibition must be the primary reason for the event. The event must be open to the public. Schools, grades K-12, that present artists must have public presentations outside of regular school hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Touring artists in the performing, visual, and literary arts must be based outside of the host community unless they are professional performers. For visual and film or video arts presentations, the creator, director, producer, or representative must be present and participate in the presentation. Ineligible presentations are: • Performances by resident non-professional individuals and groups • Entertainment provided as part of primarily social events (e.g., rodeos, grandstand performances, trade fairs, parades, student union cabarets) • Performances by staff and board members of organizations applying for the grant • Performances by hypnotists, disc-jockeys, moderators or ropers • Performances by groups already receiving AFA operating funding for ongoing activities in the same venue that the applicant manages • Exhibitions sponsored through the AFA's Traveling Exhibition Program
Project Examples:	Presentations by touring performing artists, media artists (film, video, animation) and/or published authors (readings).
Financial Assistance Available:	Up to 50 percent of artists costs to a maximum of $40,000 (subject to artist residency conditions).
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.

Application Deadlines:	July 15.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/all_about_us/commissions/arts/fastforms/index.asp
Contact Information:	Alberta Foundation for the Arts 901 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 427-9968 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000

Community Support Organizations – Operating Grant Program

ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Objectives:	To assist with annual operating expenses for community organizations in Alberta whose primary activity is the support and promotion of the arts.
Description:	The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) is a crown agency of the Government of Alberta formed in 1991. Each year, $22.6 million from lottery revenues is distributed by the AFA to individual artists and arts organizations in the visual, performing and literary arts, and cultural industries. The Community Supports Organizations – Operating Grant Program is one of many programs administered by AFA.

Eligible Entities:	Community support organizations are those organizations whose primary activity is to provide programs and services to an artistic community working in the literary arts, visual arts, performing arts, and film/video arts, and/or a community with limited arts opportunities.
	
	Eligible organizations must:
	• Be registered not-for-profit organizations, municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 or library boards
	• Be incorporated, and in operation for a minimum of two years
	• Demonstrate responsible fiscal management by showing that the organization's financial status does not compromise its stability
	• Have a mandate to carry out programs in:
	  • Artist support and development,
	  • Artist training, and
	  • Public participation in the arts
	• Operate at arms length from organizations and institutions receiving annual operating funds from the Government of Alberta, their affiliates, and/or commercial enterprises. This means that eligible organizations are not under the control of, or excessively influenced by, these organizations.
	
	Ineligible organizations are:
	• Municipalities with a population exceeding 50,000
	• Programs that are of primarily competitive in nature and are not offered on a provincial basis
	• Post secondary institutions and their affiliates

Project Eligibility Criteria:	Programs and activities that facilitate artistic activity and/or participation in the community.
Project Examples:	• Fort Macleod and District Allied Arts Council Association • St. Paul Visual Arts Committee and St. Paul North Eastern Music Association • Peace Library System
Financial Assistance Available:	Up to 30 percent of administration expenses plus 50 percent of program expenses to a maximum of $40,000. Ineligible expenses are book and magazine publication, with the exception of program documentation expenses, such as programs for performing arts events and catalogues for art exhibitions.

Program Timelines:	Annual / recurring
Application Deadlines:	Novem[illegible]
Web Site:	www.c[illegible]
Contact Information:	Alberta [illegible] 901 St[illegible] 10405 [illegible] Edmon[illegible] T: (78[illegible]

Community Support Organizations – Project Grant Program

ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Objectives:	To provide project grants to community organizations in Alberta whose primary activity is the support and promotion of the arts.
Description:	The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) is a lottery agency of the Government of Alberta created in 1972. The AFA's mandate is to foster, promote and develop the arts for the benefit of all Albertans and to support the growth, preservation and presentation of the arts. The Community Support Organizations – Project Grant Program is one of many programs administered by the AFA.

Eligible Entities:	Community support organizations are those organizations whose primary activity is to provide programs and services to an artistic community working in the visual arts, visual arts, performing arts, and film/video arts, and/or a community with limited arts opportunities.
	
	Eligible organizations must:
	• Be registered not for profit organizations, municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 or library boards
	• Be incorporated, and in operation for a minimum of one year
	• Have a mandate to carry out programs in:
	  ◦ Artist support and development,
	  ◦ Artist training, and
	  ◦ Public participation in the arts
	
	Ineligible organizations are:
	• Municipalities with a population exceeding 50,000

Project Eligibility Criteria:	Programs and activities that facilitate artistic activity and/or participation in the community. Ineligible projects and expenses include: • Projects of an ongoing nature • Projects funded by the AFA under a different grant program • Funds for permanent staff positions • Book and magazine publication costs, except for program documentation
Project Examples:	• Calgary Public Library • Grande Prairie Public Library • Redcliff Art Society
Financial Assistance Available:	Up to 100 percent of related and verifiable project expenses to a maximum of $10,000.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	September 1.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/all_about_us/commissions/arts/fastforms/index.asp

Contact Information:	Alberta Foundation for the Arts 901 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 427-9628 or toll free by first dialling 310-0000

Provincial Youth Arts Summer Schools

ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Objectives:	r schools in
Description:	Government of ues is the visual, chools Program
Eligible Entities:	for-profit year and have h 17 years of
Project Eligibility Criteria:	nd younger. s, but this grant
Project Examples:	• Artstrek, Edmonton (theatre program for young people aged 13-18) • Summerscapes, Red Deer (visual arts program for young people aged 15-17) • YouthWrite, Edmonton (writing program for young people aged 12-17) • MusiCamp Alberta, Red Deer (music programs for young people 10 years and up)
Financial Assistance Available:	Grants are calculated based on a three-year average per-student formula. Grants are awarded for three-year period.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	November 1.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/all_about_us/commissions/arts/fastforms/index.asp
Contact Information:	Alberta Foundation for the Arts 601 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 427-9940 or toll free by first dialling 310-0000

Alberta Main Street Program

ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

Objectives:	To provide funds and professional design advice related to the rehabilitation of storefronts in historic downtown areas in conjunction with organization, marketing and economic development initiatives.
Description:	The Alberta Main Street Program is a downtown revitalization and architectural rehabilitation program supported by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and administered through Alberta Community Development. Through an extensive network of public and private partnerships, the program helps restore historic integrity and architectural character to traditional main streets across Alberta.
Eligible Entities:	Small towns (population between 3,000 and 50,000), villages and hamlets (fewer than 3,000 residents), urban districts (larger municipalities) and regional partnerships of small towns, villages and hamlets.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Main Street projects are three-year partnerships with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation with the possibility of applying for extensions. Many projects continue for five years or more. Communities that satisfy the following conditions are likely to be approved. The community should: • Have a recognizable historic main street of at least fifteen buildings that are fifty or more years old. Historic buildings must comprise at least 60 percent of the potential main street area • Have broad-based community support to undertake the project • Have an economically viable downtown • Implement the Four Point Approach of the program (organization, design, marketing and economic development) • Undertake two planning sessions • Provide a project office on main street (office rent and operating expenses are responsibility of the project community) • Have local fundraising capability
Project Examples:	Twenty-three communities have restored and revitalized their historic downtowns in partnership with the Alberta Main Street Program, including Lethbridge, Red Deer and Camrose.
Financial Assistance Available:	The program contributes cost-shared funding toward coordinator salaries, building façade rehabilitation and enhancement, project planning, and project-related activities in organization, marketing and economic development. The program offers four project initiatives tailored to community needs according to population: **Small Town Initiatives**: up to $24,000 annually to assist in the employment of a project coordinator; up to $60,000 annually toward building façade rehabilitation; and up to $35,000 in discretionary funds for community visioning and planning activities, the development of design guidelines, economic development projects and other activities. **Village and Hamlet Initiatives**: up to $24,000 toward the employment of a project coordinator; up to $45,000 annually for building façade rehabilitation; and up to $30,000 in discretionary funds. **Urban District Initiatives**: up to $24,000 annually for the hiring of a project coordinator; up to $75,000 annually for building façade rehabilitation, and up to $35,000 in discretionary funds. **Regional Initiatives**: up to $24,000 annually toward a project coordinator; up to $75,000 annually toward building façade rehabilitation; and up to $35,000 in discretionary funds.

	The funds cannot be applied toward sidewalks, light standards and other streetscape enhancements.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	The program's financial resources and commitments to active projects determine the timing of applications. In the past, this has tended to occur at roughly three to five-year intervals. When opportunities to apply to the program arise, the program office issues a written notification to all urban municipalities across Alberta.
Web Site:	www.albertamainstreet.org
Contact Information:	Program Manager Alberta Main Street Program Heritage Resource Management Branch 8820-112th Street Edmonton, AB T6G 2P8 T: (780) 431-2341 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (780) 427-5598

Heritage Preservation Partnership Program

ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

Objectives:	To encourage initiatives that preserve and interpret Alberta's rich heritage.
Description:	The Heritage Preservation Partnership Program provides financial, technical and professional assistance, to organizations and individuals for heritage preservation initiatives in Alberta. These initiatives bring social, educational and economic benefits to the community and enhance Albertans' quality of life.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, Métis organizations, First Nations, organizations, corporations, individuals, churches, schools or other such institutions.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects have to fall into one of the following funding categories: • **Heritage Awareness:** tangible initiatives that promote awareness of Alberta's history and have a lasting impact, including educational projects, installation of interpretive plaques, monuments and markers, attendance at organizations of workshops, seminars or conferences • **Historic Resource Conservation:** the preservation and restoration of significant historic structures and historic, archaeological or paleontological sites within Alberta. Funding can also be provided for architectural and engineering studies, historic structures reports, or concept plans associated with the preservation or restoration of a historic resource. • **Publications:** initiatives to document Alberta's history by assisting with the printing/publishing costs of books, brochures or other documents (not eligible are printers and personal family histories) • **Research:** research that will produce new understanding or add to the knowledge base of Alberta's history, including oral history projects and historic site or building surveys • **Roger Soderstrom Scholarship:** designed to encourage professional development and advanced studies in the field of heritage preservation in Alberta • **Transportation and Industrial Artifact Conservation:** the preservation of transportation and industrial artifacts which have a distinctive and significant connection to Alberta's history or to a particular locality in the province Projects that fall entirely within the funding mandate of one of the Foundation's associated Provincial Heritage Organizations, such as Museums Alberta and the Archives Society of Alberta, are ineligible. Projects seeking debt reduction, for example, repayment of loans or shortfall on completed projects, are ineligible.
Project Examples:	• Restoration of historic structures • Production of historical interpretive markers or monuments • Publishing of books and brochures about Alberta's history

Financial Assistance Available:	Financial assistance is different for each of the six categories:
	• **Heritage Awareness:** maximum of $5,000 per project
	• **Historic Resource Conservation:**
	  • Provincial Historic Resource - $75,000 (over any 5 consecutive years)
	  • Registered Historic Resource - $25,000 (to be discontinued in 2009)
	  • Municipal Historic Resource - $25,000 (over any 5 consecutive years; resource must also be on the Alberta Register of Historic Places)
	  • Local Historic Resource - $5,000 (one-time grant only)
	  • Studies - up to $25,000

	• Cemeteries - $2,000 • Minimum grant - $1,000 • **Publications:** maximum for books is $5,000 and pamphlets $3,000 • **Research:** maximum of $15,000 per project • **Roger Soderstrom Scholarship:** up to $3,000 is made available every year to be awarded to one or two students • **Transportation and Industrial Artifact Conservation:** maximum grant is $25,000, based on a 50-50 cost sharing basis The Foundation does not assist with operating costs or the purchase of equipment (e.g., cameras, computers and related hardware, tools, or machinery).
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	February 1 and September 1.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/ahrf
Contact Information:	Program Coordinator Heritage Preservation Partnership Program Alberta Historical Resources Foundation 8820 - 112 Street Edmonton, AB T6G 2P8 T: (780) 431-2305 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (780) 427-5598

Municipal Heritage Partnership Program

Objectives:	To help municipalities manage their historic places.
Description:	The Municipal Heritage Partnership Program (MHPP) provides opportunities for municipalities to access funding assistance, expertise and networks that will help them to establish or maintain an ongoing municipal heritage conservation program. The Province is committed to helping municipalities become stewards of their own unique heritage and the guiding force for the protection of what each community determines to be historically important. Support from the MHPP for identification and protection of local historic places consists primarily of funding and guidance. The MHPP offers cost-sharing opportunities to aid in the cost of preparing surveys, inventories and management plans.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, improvement districts or special areas.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Any Alberta municipality wishing to pursue a program of heritage management, learn more about heritage planning or protect local resources through Municipal Heritage Resource designation is eligible to apply for cost shared funding and capacity building.
Project Examples:	The MHPP has entered into contracts with several municipalities and will be broadening its municipal engagement mandate in 2006. The Town of Athabasca has been a champion and an enthusiastic supporter of the program. Since 2004, the Town has received $40,000 in heritage planning funding from the MHPP to complete both a broad building survey and an inventory of evaluated potential municipal historic resources. Continuation with other heritage resource management projects is anticipated.
Financial Assistance Available:	The following is a breakdown of the types of projects supported by the MHPP and what kinds of cost sharing opportunities are available to a municipality. The cost sharing agreements shown below are maximums based on the municipality type. All cost sharing agreements are based on a 50 percent split of total costs. Municipal contributions can be up to one-half in kind and one-half cash. **Surveys**, which gather information about all of the potential heritage resources in a municipality and identify what types of resources it possesses. Provincial Contribution: • Municipal Districts, County or City: $30,000 • Town: $20,000 • Village: $10,000 Municipal Contribution: • Municipal Districts, County or City: $30,000 • Town: $20,000 • Village: $10,000 ▪ (Up to one half can be in-kind contributions) **Inventories**, culminating from surveys, which recognize through evaluation, and aid in the management of, those places in a municipality which are significant for their heritage value. Provincial Contribution: • Municipal Districts, County or City: $30,000

	• Town: $20,000 • Village: $10,000 Municipal Contribution: • Municipal Districts, County or City: $30,000 • Town: $20,000 • Village: $10,000 • (Up to one half can be in-kind contributions) **Heritage Management Plans** and municipal policies that will guide historic place management practices. Provincial Contribution: • Municipal Districts, County or City: $20,000 • Town: $15,000 • Village: $7,500 Municipal Contribution: • Municipal Districts, County or City: $20,000 • Town: $15,000 • Village: $7,500 • (Up to one half can be in-kind contributions) **Alberta/Canadian Register of Historic Places mandatory documentation**: Completion of the documentation required to list Municipal Historic Resources on the Alberta and Canadian Registers of Historic Places. Provincial Contribution: Cost sharing for mandatory documentation is currently reviewed on a case by case basis to a maximum provincial contribution of $1,000. Municipal Contribution: $1,000 (no in-kind contributions accepted). Funding for this program is made possible through the Historic Places Initiative. Alberta Community Development gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the Government of Canada in supporting its participation in this initiative. Funding amounts may change without notice. Please contact the MHPP coordinator for further information regarding cost sharing opportunities.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review. Funding is based on contracts, which all expire at the end of the provincial government fiscal year.
Application Deadlines:	There are no application deadlines for the program. Funding is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
Web Site:	www.mhpp.ab.ca
Contact Information:	Coordinator Municipal Heritage Partnership Program Heritage Resource Management Branch Alberta Community Development Old St. Stephen's College 8820 - 112 Street Edmonton, AB T6G 2P8 T: (780) 431-2334 F: (780) 427-5598

Alberta Games Program – Seniors Games

ALBERTA SPORT, RECREATION, PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Objectives:
To provide all seniors, regardless of age or ability, the opportunity to pursue greater levels of physical, social, intellectual and creative achievement through friendly competition and participation, and to enhance a sense of community spirit by bringing Albertans together.

Description:
The Alberta Seniors Games are a provincial government initiative for amateur sport, providing an opportunity for all Albertans 55 years and older to participate. The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF), in partnership with the Alberta Senior Citizens Sport and Recreation Association, co-ordinates the Alberta Seniors Games.

Eligible Entities:
Municipalities.

Project Eligibility Criteria:
Communities hosting the Alberta Seniors Games must have facilities suitable for staging approximately 15 - 20 activities, and must be capable of feeding and accommodating at least 1,200 participants over a four-day period.

Communities with a population of less than 5,000 are encouraged to join together with neighbouring communities to submit a joint bid. The typical cost of hosting an Alberta Seniors Games has been approximately $600,000.

Project Examples:
Alberta Seniors Games.

Financial Assistance Available:
Communities hosting an Alberta Summer or Winter Games receive consultative assistance and base financial support from Alberta Community Development, including two lottery-funded foundations: the ASRPWF provides the operating and legacy grants, while the cultural grant component is made available by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA).

Operating Grant	$125,000	ASRPWF
Cultural Grant	$20,000	AFA
Legacy Grant	$25,000	ASRPWF
Total	$170,000	

Program Timelines:
Bi-Annually recurring. Alberta Seniors Games are held every two years in odd numbered calendar years.

Application Deadlines:
2½ years prior to an Alberta Seniors Games.

Web Site:
www.cd.gov.ab.ca/asrpwf/programs/games/abgames/info/index.asp

Contact Information:
Alberta Games and Marketing Section
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
101, 525 - 11 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2R OC9
T: (403) 297-2909
F: (403) 297-6669

Alberta Games Program – Summer and Winter Games

ALBERTA SPORT, RECREATION, PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Objectives:

- To motivate Albertans to achieve fitness through active participation in sport
- To assist athletes in working toward their maximum potential
- To provide competition that will further develop each sport throughout Alberta
- To showcase the talents of Albertans in a wide range of sport activities
- To develop the cultural and social components that enhance the games
- To provide each hosting community with a legacy of experience and facilities
- To assist in the preparation of potential athletes for the Canada Games

Description:

The Alberta Summer and Winter Games are a provincial government initiative for amateur sport, providing an opportunity for all Albertans 11-17 years old to participate. The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF) co-ordinates the Games.

Eligible Entities:

Municipalities.

Project Eligibility Criteria:

Communities hosting the Alberta Summer or Winter Games must have facilities suitable for staging approximately 20 sport competitions, and be capable of feeding and accommodating approximately 3,000 athletes, coaches and officials over a four to six day period.

Municipalities with a population of less than 10,000 are encouraged to join together with neighbouring communities to submit a joint bid. The typical cost of hosting the Alberta Summer or Winter Games has been approximately $1.6 million.

Project Examples:

Alberta Summer and Winter Games.

Financial Assistance Available:

Communities hosting an Alberta Summer or Winter Games receive consultative assistance and base financial support from Alberta Community Development, including two lottery-funded foundations: the ASRPWF provides the operating and legacy grants, while the cultural grant component is made available by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA).

Operating Grant	$300,000	ASRPWF
Cultural Grant	$60,000	AFA
Legacy Grant	$50,000	ASRPWF
Total	$410,000	

Program Timelines:

Bi-Annually recurring. Alberta Summer and Winter Games are held every two years in even numbered calendar years.

Application Deadlines:

2½ years prior to an Alberta Summer or Winter Games.

Web Site:

www.cd.gov.ab.ca/asrpwf/programs/games/abgames/info/index.asp

Contact Information:

Alberta Games and Marketing Section
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
101, 525 - 11 Avenue SW
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T: (403) 297-2909
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Development Initiatives Program

ALBERTA SPORT, RECREATION, PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Objectives:	To facilitate and enhance activities, lifestyles and legacies through the development of active partnerships in sport, recreation, parks and wildlife programs.
Description:	The purpose of the Development Initiatives Program is to provide support for project and program related endeavours to Albertans working in the areas of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, individuals and not-for-profit organizations.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Priority will be given to projects that are innovative and creative plus indicate initiative and self-help on the part of the applicant. Applications will be reviewed on their individual merit based on the objectives of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF) and the financial resources available. For-profit organizations will not be considered for funding.
Project Examples:	• Purchasing of equipment • Transportation and travel cost projects • Individuals • Coaches, instructors and leaders • Conferences
Financial Assistance Available:	Individuals can receive a maximum grant of $1,000 per applicant per year for a maximum of 3 years. Items not to be funded: • Capital building projects • Facility rental • Uniforms and similar club apparel, or items of a personal nature for club members (example: footwear, jackets, etc) • Shortfalls on operating budgets • Projects with no public element • Officials costs, prizes, trophies • Debt reduction
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	January 1, May 1, and October 1.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/asrpwf/programs/funding/dip/index.asp
Contact Information:	Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation 905 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 422-7108 F: (780) 427-5140

Hosting Program

ALBERTA SPORT, RECREATION, PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Objectives:	To encourage the development of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife programs by providing financial support to communities and associations to assist them in hosting major events thereby promoting economic growth throughout the province.
Description:	To enhance the quality of life in Alberta, the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks, Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF) provides financial support through the Hosting Program, which encourages the development of youth in sport, recreation, parks and wildlife and promotes economic growth in Alberta.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, non-profit sport and recreation associations.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Events receiving funding must be open events that are not restricted to members of a certain group or club. Standards, age categories or categories of disability may be established for such events. Priority will be given to programs for the development of youth. Financial assistance towards pre-event expenses and bid preparation will constitute a portion of the total hosting funding if the bid is successful. Priority will be given to applicants that have not received hosting funding in previous years. Annual community based or provincial events are not eligible for funding.
Project Examples:	World Championships, World Cups, Canadian/North American Championships, Western Canadian Championships, seminars, and non-sporting events directed at the development of youth in sport, recreation, parks and wildlife.

Financial Assistance Available:	For each eligible event, a maximum allowable amount has been determined.
	• Sporting Events
	  • World Championships - up to $20,000
	  • World Cups/International Events - up to $15,000
	  • Canadian/North American Championships/Cups - up to $10,000
	  • Western Canadian Championships/Cups - up to $3,000
	  • Pre-event expenses and bid preparation for Multi Sport Events - Olympic Games, Pan Am Games, Commonwealth Games as well as International Championships and Events - up to $20,000
	• Non-Sporting Events
	  • International Events - up to $15,000
	  • Canadian/North American Events - up to $10,000
	  • Western Canadian Events - up to $3,000
	• AGMs, Seminars, etc.
	  • Funding based on number and origin of delegates - up to $10,000
	Maximum levels may be adjusted depending on number of applications received.
	Funding totalling $30,000 is the maximum awarded to any one sport, association or group in any fiscal year.

Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. A completed application form, with all required attachments, is to be submitted to the ASRPWF at least six months prior to the event.

Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/asrpwf/programs/funding/hosting/index.asp
Contact Information:	Alberta Games and Marketing Section Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation 101, 525 – 11 Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2R OC9 T: (403) 297-2909 F: (403) 297-6669

Youth Initiatives Limited Grant Program

WILD ROSE FOUNDATION

Objectives:	To provide funding to youth groups and organizations to coordinate and implement projects that encourage youth engagement, youth volunteering, youth leadership development and the sharing of information on youth community participation through volunteerism.
Description:	The Youth Initiatives Limited Grant Program is intended to increase the sense of community ownership and civil responsibility among youth through innovative concepts in addressing the issues of youth volunteerism and engagement. In addition, the program aims to increase and heighten knowledge of the value of youth volunteerism by information sharing and networking among youth groups/organizations and communities.
Eligible Entities:	• Youth organizations legally registered as a society under the Society Act of Alberta • Youth volunteer centres that are recognized by a junior high, high school, college or university • Municipal youth advisory councils or teen centres that are recognized by a municipality • Youth groups sponsored by a registered organization within the Province of Alberta
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Projects considered for funding are projects and capital related projects that address issues of youth volunteerism and youth engagement. Eligible projects: • Must be coordinated by youth • Have a strategy for cultivating youth leadership and youth volunteerism • Involve youth in the planning, development and implementation • Demonstrate a plan for how the new program/project will translate into a resource for the community • Have a plan for how the new program/project can benefit other organizations • Provide the opportunity to develop or demonstrate youth volunteer leadership skills The Wild Rose Foundation will not consider applications for: • Debt retirement, deficit reduction and retroactive grant funding • Starting or adding to endowment funds • Projects that are completed between the Application Deadlines and the time you are notified of a decision • Projects whose beneficiaries are outside of Alberta • Projects that are coordinated by an adult with limited youth involvement
Project Examples:	*No examples available.*
Financial Assistance Available:	The maximum amount available is $10,000 and can be used for a maximum of one year. Groups can receive funding once a year during this timeline. The Wild Rose Foundation will accept eight applications requesting funding for the maximum amount or until the total budget amount of $80,000 has been awarded.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.

Application Deadlines:	Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis from April 1 to January 31 of the current year. **Note:** Applicants should contact the Program Coordinator prior to submitting an application.
Web Site:	www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building_communities/volunteer_community/funding/youth_initiatives_grant/index.asp
Contact Information:	Youth Initiatives Limited Grant Program Coordinator Wild Rose Foundation 907 Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 422-9305 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (780) 427-4155

Alberta | **Energy**

Natural Gas Rebate Program

Objectives: To provide financial assistance to Albertans to help offset high prices for natural gas and other fuels (propane, heating oil and kerosene).

Description: The Natural Gas Rebate Program provides rebates for Albertans when natural gas prices are traditionally the highest. Purchases of natural gas, other fuels, and in limited cases, electricity, are eligible. Rebates are triggered when consumer prices for two of the three regulated gas companies serving Alberta (Direct Energy Regulated Services North, Direct Energy Regulated Services South and AltaGas Utilities) exceed $5.50 per Gigajoule (GJ). Most consumers see the rebate as a credit on their utility bill, but some must make application.

Eligible Entities: Consumers of natural gas and other fuels in the residential, agricultural, municipal, commercial, educational and hospital sectors. Some industrial uses are eligible to a monthly maximum.

Select agriculture sectors – commercial greenhouses, grain dryers, forage dehydrators and agriculture irrigators may apply for alternative rebate months.

Project Eligibility Criteria: Most natural gas suppliers take the rebate directly off a consumer's bill. When this is not the case, the consumer has to apply for the rebate. Users of all other fuels and select agriculture consumers must also apply.

Non-industrial consumers that use over 5,000 GJs of natural gas in a month may apply for a rebate on their consumption over 5,000 GJs.

Some industries / uses of natural gas and other fuels are not eligible for a rebate.

Project Examples: Not applicable.

Financial Assistance Available:

Rebate if Natural Gas Prices Range From:	**>$5.50 - $7.50**	**>$7.50 - $9.00**	**>$9.00 - $12.00**	**>$12.00**	**Monthly Maximum Consumption for Industrial Uses only**
Natural Gas	$1.50/GJ	$2.50/GJ	$3.25/GJ	$3.25/GJ[1]	5,000 GJs
Propane	$0.0383/l	$0.0638/l	$0.083/l	$0.083/l[1]	195,000 litres
Heating Oil	$0.058/l	$0.0967/l	$0.1257/l	$0.1257/l[1]	130,000 litres
Kerosene	$0.0565/l	$0.0942/l	$0.1225/l	$0.1225/l[1]	133,000 litres

[1] plus an amount equal to the amount the highest price exceeds $12.00/GJ

Program Timelines: Fixed time; program ends March 31, 2009.

Application Deadlines: June 30 immediately following the rebate period. Receipts (natural gas bills) are due no later than August 31 immediately following the rebate period.

Web Site: www.energy.gov.ab.ca/246.asp

Contact Information:	Natural Gas Rebate Program 3rd Floor, 6950 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB T6H 5V7 T: (780) 422-0300 or toll-free at 1-888-671-1111 F: (780) 427-3334

Alberta | **Environment**

Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control Program

Objectives:	To assist local authorities to resolve surface water management and erosion control problems.
Description:	The Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control (AWMEC) Program provides advice and financial assistance to local authorities for the design and construction of projects that correct problems caused by surface water. The program exists in the context of water quantity and not of water quality.
Eligible Entities:	Local Authorities include: Municipalities, Métis settlements, irrigation districts, drainage districts, improvement districts, special areas, regional services commissions and local health units.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Local authorities are responsible for implementation of their project. Project approval is based on technical and economic feasibility, benefits derived and appropriated funds. The types of projects eligible for cost sharing include: • Erosion control (projects to correct slumping and erosion caused by groundwater are not eligible) • Flow regulation • Water based recreation • Fish, waterfowl and wildlife habitat enhancement • Surface raw water supply • Special surface water management projects There are special project eligibility criteria applicable for projects located in the Northern Alberta Erosion Control Area and drainage districts. In addition, there are special project eligibility criteria for projects regarding: • The extension of main outlets beyond drainage district boundaries • Public roads endangered by bank erosion • Private dwellings • Water management priority studies • Non-structural solutions to correct a surface water management problem • Small off-farm water management projects
Project Examples:	• Lake stabilization • Back flood irrigation • Storage dams • Community wharves and boat launches • Man-made lakes
Financial Assistance Available:	The Program provides cost-sharing grants, on a 65 percent government / 35 percent local authority basis for construction and engineering costs, up to the approved maximum eligibility of $275,000 per project. Financial contributions made by other provincial departments are deducted from the total eligible cost of the project to determine the balance that can be cost shared. Costs associated with the operation and maintenance of a project are the responsibility of the Local Authority and are not eligible for cost sharing with the exception of projects located within a drainage district or the Northern Alberta Erosion Control Area. Costs associated with the acquisition of rights of way to allow construction are not eligible for cost sharing.

Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	There are no annual application deadlines. If the program is over subscribed a project may not receive funding in the fiscal year when the application is made. The project will remain on the list to be funded at a later date.
Web Site:	www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/management/index.cfm
Contact Information:	**Northern Region** (Peace River) Bag 900 - 5, Provincial Building 9621 - 96 Avenue Peace River, AB T8S 1T4 T: (780) 624-6159 F: (780) 624-6335 **Central Region** (Red Deer) Room 304, Provincial Building 4920 - 51 Street Red Deer, AB T4N 6K8 T: (403) 340-7052 F: (403) 340-5022 **Southern Region** (Calgary) 303, Deerfoot Square Building 2938 - 11 Street, N.E. Calgary, AB T2E 7L7 T: (403) 297-6582 F: (403) 297-2749 **Northern Region** (Edmonton) 111 Twin Atria Building 4999 - 98 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3 T: (780) 427-7617 F: (780) 427-7824 **Central Region** (Spruce Grove) 250 Diamond Avenue Spruce Grove, AB T7X 4C7 T: (780) 960-8600 F: (780) 960-8605 **Southern Region** (Lethbridge) 2nd Floor, Provincial Building 200 - 5th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 4L1 T: (403) 382-4254 F: (403) 381-5337

Resource Recovery Grant Program

Objectives:	To provide assistance to municipalities for the development of recycling and waste minimization projects where service is not provided by private enterprise.
Description:	The Resource Recovery Grant Program has been in place since 1976, providing grants to municipalities to develop a resource recovery/recycling infrastructure. There are over 100 municipalities currently operating recycling programs in the Province. Resource Recovery Grants are available to cover the capital and development costs incurred in establishing a resource recovery system that will benefit the community and the Province as a whole.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities. The development of co-operative projects that involve more than one community or regional district is encouraged.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects include establishing a resource recovery or recycling system. Grant recipients will be required to ensure all regulations are met (i.e., environmental, health and fire) and obtain all necessary approvals (i.e., development permits, insurance). Applications for funds are assessed on practicality, as well as the size and scope of the proposed project. In addition, each project funded under Alberta Environment's Resource Recovery Grant Program must provide for a project sign at the facility base of operations that clearly identifies the project and must acknowledge funding assistance from Alberta Environment.
Project Examples:	Municipal recycling system.
Financial Assistance Available:	Funding is provided through the Resource Recovery Grant Program on a 75 percent /25 percent cost-shared basis. The applicant must contribute 25 percent of the eligible costs to the project. Funding may cover capital costs for the following eligible items: • Materials handling equipment (pallet jack, baler, forklift, etc.) • Basic structures or renovations to existing structures • Site improvements • Signs and initial advertising When practical, used equipment should be considered. Grant funding can be used to cover pre-purchase inspection or any modifications that are required (e.g., painting) for used equipment. Items that are not eligible include: • Land purchase and testing • Operational costs (wages, transportation, insurance, etc.) • Goods and Services Tax • Vehicle purchases
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www3.gov.ab.ca/env/waste/aow/grants/

Contact Information:	**Northern Region** Municipal Waste Management Assistance and Resource Recovery Grant Programs Alberta Environment 111 Twin Atria Building 4999 - 98 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3 T: (780) 422-6050 F: (780) 427-7824 **Central Region** Municipal Waste Management Assistance and Resource Recovery Grant Programs Alberta Environment 304, 4920 - 51 Street Red Deer, AB T4N 6K8 T: (403) 340-7739 F: (403) 340-5022 **Southern Region** Municipal Waste Management Assistance and Resource Recovery Grant Programs Alberta Environment Deerfoot Square Building 2938 - 11 Street, N.E. Calgary, AB T2E 7L7 T: (403) 297-8255 F: (403) 297-6069

Waste Management Assistance Program

Objectives:	To assist eligible entities in managing their waste on a regional basis.
Description:	The Waste Management Assistance Program (WMAP) has been providing technical and financial assistance to groups of municipalities to address their waste management needs since 1976. Alberta Environment (AENV) regional staff work with a committee made up of representatives from interested municipalities to help them organize and conduct the various activities required to develop a regional system.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The program is designed to assist groups of at least two urban municipalities and the surrounding rural municipality in managing their wastes on a regional basis. To qualify for assistance under the Waste Management Assistance Program, AENV requires the participating municipalities to undertake the following: • The municipalities must participate in the planning and decision-making processes while the system is being developed and later constructed. • The participating municipalities will be responsible for all activities associated with identifying, testing and securing sites required for a regional landfill or other waste management facilities. This process should also include a comprehensive public consultation process. • Once a site's suitability for development into a regional sanitary landfill has been confirmed, the participating municipalities will obtain all necessary approvals from local municipal jurisdictions and any approvals or registrations required under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act. • The municipalities must pass by-laws to enable them to participate in a regional waste management Authority, Commission, or legal entity. • The municipalities must develop and approve an agreement regarding the constitution and operation of their regional waste management Authority, Commission, or legal entity. • Members of the Authority must sign an agreement with the Minister of Environment which outlines their responsibilities regarding the use of grant funds and operation of the regional waste management system. • The regional landfill must be operated in accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and all additional requirements identified in the grant agreement. • The applicant must agree to pay for the operation of the system and provide AENV with copies of their audited financial statements and the weight or volume of waste managed by the system annually. • Once the regional system is in operation, the participating municipalities are required to close or convert any existing dumps and/or modified landfills in the area into dry waste disposal sites or transfer stations.
Project Examples:	• Regional sanitary landfills • Transfer station • Diversion and recycling facilities
Financial Assistance Available:	Each project is assessed for assistance individually and the amount of financial assistance available depends on the program's budget. Eligible costs include: • Planning studies

	• System design and engineering • Landfill construction • Waste transfer station construction • Transfer station containers • Recycling facilities The applicant is responsible for all operating costs, including the provision of a capital reserve fund to replace equipment and facilities.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www3.gov.ab.ca/env/waste/aow/grants/
Contact Information:	**Northern Region** Municipal Waste Management Assistance and Resource Recovery Grant Programs Alberta Environment 111 Twin Atria Building 4999 - 98 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3 T: (780) 422-6050 F: (780) 427-7824 **Central Region** Municipal Waste Management Assistance and Resource Recovery Grant Programs Alberta Environment 304, 4920 - 51 Street Red Deer, AB T4N 6K8 T: (403) 340-7739 F: (403) 340-5022 **Southern Region** Municipal Waste Management Assistance and Resource Recovery Grant Programs Alberta Environment Deerfoot Square Building 2938 - 11 Street, N.E. Calgary, AB T2E 7L7 T: (403) 297-8255 F: (403) 297-6069

Tax Exempt Fuel User Program

Objectives:	To provide tax exemptions or rebates on fuel consumed off-road for commercial purposes.
Description:	The Tax Exempt Fuel User Program (TEFU) has three components: • **TEFU Rebates**: claim process to allow a consumer to obtain a fuel tax rebate for fuel oil or liquid petroleum gas consumed in motor vehicles and refrigerated (reefer) units while they are being used for commercial purposes off public roads and areas. • **Declaration of Tax Exempt Fuel User**: Allows a consumer to obtain dyed gasoline or diesel fuel tax-exempt for use in unlicensed equipment or for heating purposes. • **Prescribed Rebate Off-road Percentages (PROP) Rebates:** Same as TEFU Rebates, but on-line filing of claims is available to certain industries at pre-determined rates. A registration process is used to determine applicable rebate rates based on activities performed prior to filing claims.
Eligible Entities:	• **TEFU Rebates**: Individuals, corporations, partnerships, municipalities, school boards, and colleges established under the Colleges Act or Universities established under the University Act, for tax-paid fuel consumed in motor vehicles while operated in off-road locations. • **Declaration of Tax Exempt Fuel User**: Individuals, corporations, partnerships, municipalities, school boards, and colleges established under the Colleges Act or Universities established under the University Act, for fuel consumed in unlicensed equipment or for heating purposes. • **PROP Rebates**: Individuals, corporations, partnerships, municipalities, school boards, colleges established under the Colleges Act or Universities established under the University Act, for tax-paid fuel consumed in motor vehicles while operated in off-road locations for specific industries and activities.

Project Eligibility Criteria:	• **TEFU Rebates:** A rebate of tax may be granted to an applicant for Alberta tax paid on fuel consumed in a motor vehicle or reefer unit used for commercial purposes in off-road operations. For the purpose of this program, "off-road" means any area where fuel use in a licensed vehicle may result in the user qualifying for a fuel tax rebate. The following roads and areas qualify as off-road locations:
	  • A license of occupation road
	  • A private road on private or Crown land
	  • A highway under construction that is not open to or accessible to the public
	  • Any area that is not a highway as defined in the Highway Traffic Act
	An area to which the public ordinarily has access for the passage and parking of vehicles is not off-road. For example, rest areas and service station parking lots are open to or accessible to the public and are not off-road. Loading/unloading areas are often accessible to the public and are then not off-road.
	Commercial operations using unlicensed vehicles and equipment are expected to use marked fuel, which is already tax-exempt, in those vehicles.
	• **Declaration of Tax Exempt Fuel User**: Fuel to be consumed in unlicensed equipment or for heating purposes.
	• **PROP Rebates**: The following activities are currently eligible: Oil and gas drilling, geophysical and seismic exploration, and certain oilfield service activities. This program is being phased in and negotiations are being conducted with other industries that will result in additional eligible activities

	under PROP. Watch for changes on the website. A registration process is used to determine applicable rebate rates based on activities performed prior to filing claims.
Project Examples:	*Not applicable.*
Financial Assistance Available:	TEFU currently provides benefits of about $120 million per year, including approximately $45 million in the form of rebates.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Claim for a fuel tax rebate must be received no later than three years after the end of the calendar year in which the fuel was purchased.
Web Site:	www.finance.gov.ab.ca/publications/tax_rebates/fuel/index.html#tefu
Contact Information:	Tax and Revenue Administration Alberta Finance 9811 - 109 Street Edmonton, AB T5K 2L5 T: (780) 427-3044 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (780) 427-0348

Alberta **Gaming**

Community Facility Enhancement Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance for the expansion and upgrading of Alberta's extensive network of community-use facilities.
Description:	The Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) is an annual $38.5 million grant program funded from the Alberta Lottery Fund. CFEP provides assistance to Alberta's municipalities and not-for-profit organizations for the costs of planning, upgrading and developing a wide range of community-use facilities and places which enhance community life and citizen well-being. The program provides funding to build, purchase, repair, renovate, or otherwise improve related family and community wellness facilities.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, First Nations, Métis settlements, community not-for-profit groups who are registered and in good standing under one of the Acts outlined in the application.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Generally any outdoor or indoor facility used for sports, recreation, culture or other related family and community wellness purposes can be considered for funding under the CFEP. Projects will be assessed based on the stated benefit to the community beyond the applicant's direct membership and the current and future use of the facility. Additional considerations include any benefits related to improved operational viability and facility utilization as well as improved facility access and utilization by disabled persons. Applications can also be made for assistance to conduct studies to assess an existing facility and its suitability to accommodate changes, to develop design documents or to help assess the need for a new facility or the expansion or upgrading of an existing facility.
Project Examples:	• Facility construction • Facility addition/expansion • Playgrounds and skateboard parks • Addition to a recreation facility (pool, arena, courts) • Sports field development
Financial Assistance Available:	CFEP is a matching grant program where the matching requirement can be met in the form of any combination of money, volunteer labour, services, or donated materials or equipment for the project. The maximum level of funding for any facility is $125,000 per fiscal year. Grant requests of more than $125,000 will be considered if a special need can be shown and strong community support is demonstrated. Only one application can be submitted for a specific facility in each fiscal year. The application can include a request for funding assistance related to a planning study, a capital project or a combination of the two.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www.albertalotteryfund.ca/grants/cfep.asp

Contact Information:	Community Facility Enhancement Program Alberta Gaming – Lottery Funding Programs 50 Corriveau Avenue St. Albert, AB T8N 3T5 T: (780) 447-8818 or toll-free at 1-800-642-3855 F: (780) 447-8903

Community Initiatives Program

Objectives:	To provide funding for project-based initiatives in areas such as community services, seniors' services, libraries, arts and culture, sports, education, health and recreation.
Description:	The Community Initiatives Program (CIP) is an annual $30 million grant program funded from the Alberta Lottery Fund. CIP provides assistance to enhance and enrich project-based community initiatives throughout Alberta in areas such as community services, seniors' services, libraries, arts and culture, sports, education, health and recreation.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, First Nations and Métis settlements, community non-profit groups, Social Services Sector, and Regional Children's Authorities. Community organizations that are not registered may have a sponsor apply on their behalf. The sponsor must be eligible under CIP funding criteria, and must take full legal and financial responsibility for the grant funds approved.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	CIP is intended to support project-based initiatives in the areas of: • Community service • Recreation and sport • Parks • Arts and culture • Libraries • Health • Education • Social services • Children's services • Seniors' services • Environmental protection Funding is based on local needs and priorities, in accordance with provincial guidelines.
Project Examples:	• Festivals • Community and recreation initiatives • Start-up costs, programming costs • Hosting a conference • Purchase of a handibus
Financial Assistance Available:	CIP is a matching grant program where the matching requirement can be met in the form of any combination of money, volunteer labour, services, or donated materials or equipment for the project. The maximum CIP grant funding is $75,000 per project per fiscal year. Only one CIP application can be submitted for a specific project in each fiscal year (i.e. April 1 to March 31). A CIP applicant may not receive funding from more than one provincial granting agency or program for the same identified project in the same fiscal year. If a group has significant difficulties in raising matching funds, up to $10,000 will be considered on a non-cost-sharing basis. CIP funding for an initiative will be considered to a maximum of two consecutive years; the project must continue without CIP funding in the third year.

Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www.albertalotteryfund.ca/grants/community_initiatives.asp
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Alberta **Human Resources and Employment**

Summer Temporary Employment Program

Objectives:	To stimulate the creation of additional summer jobs available for students in their field of study, providing Alberta students with more beneficial work opportunities than would be available without Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) subsidies for summer positions.
Description:	The Summer Temporary Employment Program encourages the hiring of employees across Alberta in the months of May, June, July and August because of their particular needs relating to summer employment, and because of the importance and value of career-related summer employment for students.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, First Nations and Métis settlements, registered non-profit community service organizations, post-secondary institutions, regional health authorities and regional school divisions.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Employees must be at least 16 years of age, unemployed and legally entitled to work in Canada. Applications will be assessed according to the following four criteria: • Potential of the proposed STEP position to enhance the future employability of students of post-secondary education/training • Potential of the proposed STEP position to enhance the education and training of the student in the future • Potential of the position to contribute earnings to be applied to future education/training or student debt reduction • Potential of the position to benefit the community at large
Project Examples:	University researchers, non-profit student legal aids in criminal, civil and family law, camp leaders, recreation coordinators, heritage interpreters, tour guides, elderly care providers.
Financial Assistance Available:	STEP reimburses eligible employers for wages paid for STEP positions at set hourly rates. STEP employees must be paid at least the minimum wage. STEP funding provides $6.05 per hour towards the wage costs. The Department provides direct funding to employers for approved positions through conditional grants, or provides funding to partners through block funding or conditional grants to allocate to specific positions. Municipalities, post-secondary institutions, regional health authorities and school divisions are each allocated a maximum funding amount. All other organizations' applications are reviewed on an individual basis.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Applications are due the last day of February, or until available funds are allocated, whichever comes first.
Web Site:	www3.gov.ab.ca/hre/step/
Contact Information:	Alberta Human Resources and Employment P.O. Box 2222 Edmonton, AB T5J 5H3 T: (780) 422-5082 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (780) 427-5988

Alberta | **Infrastructure and Transportation**

Basic Capital Grant

ALBERTA CITIES TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To provide cost-shared financial assistance to cities (excluding Calgary and Edmonton) for developing and implementing safe and effective roadway network and transportation systems within their cities.
Description:	The Basic Capital Grant (BCG) is one component of the Alberta Cities Transportation Partnership (ACTP) Program. The ACTP provides financial assistance to Alberta's 16 cities and two designated urban service areas. Funding is provided for capital transportation projects on highways and truck routes, capital public transportation facilities and highway maintenance under this or the following related grants: • City Transportation Fund • City Special Transportation Grant • Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant
Eligible Entities:	Cities (excluding Calgary and Edmonton) and the urban service areas of Sherwood Park and Wood Buffalo.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Projects should focus on road construction rehabilitation within cities and major public transit system requirements. In addition, projects that will enhance the safety of the provincial highway and truck routes and projects such as new or upgraded roads and truck routes through cities, including grade separations (interchanges), and bus purchases are eligible. The program also includes Barrier-Free Transportation initiatives to improve accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities. Rehabilitation of underground water and sewer is also an eligible component of road rehabilitation projects.
Project Examples:	• Design and engineering services • Construction and rehabilitation of primary highway extensions, designated major truck routes, and other city streets • Construction of grade separation projects • Major transit capital projects (including the purchase of accessible transit vehicles) • Transportation systems management projects
Financial Assistance Available:	Under the Basic Capital Grant, each jurisdiction is eligible to receive an annual grant based on $60 per capita based on the previous year's official population. The Grant provides conditional cost-sharing grants, on a 75 percent government / 25 percent city basis, for capital projects that meet the project eligibility criteria. The funding level to each city is determined annually based on the total value of the city's eligible projects up to a maximum annual per capita allocation.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Prior to April 1 of each year, the cities need to provide the Minister with a program application listing of all projects to be carried out utilizing the grant provided. In addition, each city will be required to enter into an Agreement with the Province prior to any funds being transferred to the city under this program.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType360/Production/bcg.htm

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City Transportation Fund

ALBERTA CITIES TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton for the development and implementation of safe and effective highway routes and major streets, as well as modern bus and LRT public transit systems.
Description:	The City Transportation Fund (CTF) is one component of the Alberta Cities Transportation Partnership (ACTP) Program. The ACTP provides financial assistance to Alberta's 16 cities and two designated urban service areas. Funding is provided for capital transportation projects on highways and truck routes, capital public transportation facilities and highway maintenance under this or the following related grants: • Basic Capital Grant • City Special Transportation Grant • Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant
Eligible Entities:	Cities of Calgary and Edmonton.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects are focused on safe and effective highway routes and major streets through the Cities, as well as modern bus and LRT public transit systems. Projects must be undertaken in accordance with the City Transportation Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter C14, the Regulations passed pursuant to the Act and any amendments to both.
Project Examples:	• Design and engineering services • Construction and rehabilitation of primary highway extensions and designated major truck routes • Construction of grade separations • Major transit capital projects (including the purchase of accessible transit vehicles) • Transportation systems management projects
Financial Assistance Available:	The Cities of Calgary and Edmonton are each eligible for a grant based on five cents per litre for the volume of road-use gasoline and diesel fuel delivered to service stations and bulk fuel outlets within the City. Capital projects that meet the program eligibility criteria are eligible for up to 100 percent government funding. While a municipal cost-sharing contribution to eligible projects is encouraged, it is not a requirement under this program. This grant replaces all other ACTP grants for the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Prior to March 31 of each year, the Cities need to provide the Minister with a program application listing of all projects to be carried out utilizing the grant provided. In addition, each City will be required to enter into an Agreement with the Province prior to any funds being transferred to the City under this program.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType359/Production/ctF.htm

Contact Information:	Municipal Programs Section Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Twin Atria Building 4999 – 98 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3 T: (780) 427-2731

City Special Transportation Grant

ALBERTA CITIES TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance for high priority transportation capital projects within cities where the project costs would be beyond the city's funding ability under other transportation grant programs.
Description:	The City Special Transportation Grant (CSTG) is one component of the Alberta Cities Transportation Partnership (ACTP) Program. The ACTP provides financial assistance to Alberta's 16 cities and two designated "urban service" areas. Funding is provided for capital transportation projects on highways and truck routes, capital public transportation facilities and highway maintenance under this or the following related grants: • City Transportation Fund • Basic Capital Grant • Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant
Eligible Entities:	Cities (excluding Calgary and Edmonton) and the urban service areas of Sherwood Park and Wood Buffalo.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	There are no specific project eligibility criteria. The merits of all project applications received will be evaluated and the projects prioritized by a review committee consisting of representatives from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, Municipal Affairs, Economic Development, and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. The following general factors should be addressed in the project application: • Local priority • Impact on the provincial and regional transportation system • Safety improvements • Capacity improvements • Economic benefits • Partnerships and cross-jurisdictional features • Environmental impacts • Specific growth pressure to be addressed
Project Examples:	• Upgrades to 4-lane divided street or highway • Widening of streets • Upgrades of interchanges • Roadway improvements
Financial Assistance Available:	A total of $10 million per fiscal year is available for four years for the highest priority capital projects as determined by the review committee. Mutually identified road expansion, transit expansion, and airport expansion projects are eligible for cost-sharing on a 75 percent government / 25 percent city basis. The maximum provincial share for any accepted project is $3 million.
Program Timelines:	Four-year program (fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2006/2007).
Application Deadlines:	Funding was allocated to the highest ranked projects by September 30, 2003. Additional rounds of applications have taken place. All projects commenced under this program should be completed and all financial statements finalized by March 31, 2008.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType361/Production/sstg.htm

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Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant

ALBERTA CITIES TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To provide operating grants to cities for routine maintenance on provincial highways and to encourage efficient maintenance and operation of these provincially important roadways.
Description:	The Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant (PHM) is one component of the Alberta Cities Transportation Partnership (ACTP) Program. The ACTP provides financial assistance to Alberta's 16 cities and two designated "urban service" areas. Funding is provided for highway maintenance under this grant, or for capital transportation projects on highways and truck routes, capital public transportation facilities under the following related grants: • City Transportation Fund • Basic Capital Grant • City Special Transportation Grant The Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant is provided to reflect the province's responsibility in sharing the cost of operating and maintaining provincial highway routes through cities.
Eligible Entities:	Cities (excluding Calgary and Edmonton) and the urban service areas of Sherwood Park and Wood Buffalo.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The grant is based on the number of eligible lane-kilometres of provincial highway under city jurisdiction and will be established by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation in consultation with the city in accordance with the following criteria: • Eligible routes must be jointly agreed upon by the city and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation as provincial highway routes • Eligible routes must be identified with route marker signs consistent with Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation standards for provincial highway(s) • Eligible routes must be open to all registered vehicles at all times As this is an unconditional grant, there are no project eligibility criteria.
Project Examples:	Not applicable.
Financial Assistance Available:	Annual grant of $1,959 per lane-kilometres. Confirmation of the total lane-kilometres of primary highways in operation is required each year to ensure the appropriate allocation to the cities.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	The city is required to provide to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation any changes to the lane-kilometres totals prior to December 31 of each year; otherwise, the prior year's totals will be used as the basis for calculating the grant.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType362/Production/phmg.htm

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Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance for infrastructure projects to maintain or enhance economic, social and cultural opportunity and well-being, while protecting and improving the quality of our environment upon which people and economies depend.
Description:	The Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP) assists municipalities in addressing their capital infrastructure needs. Funding under this program supports the development, enhancement and rehabilitation of core capital municipal infrastructure projects.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, improvement districts, special areas, and Métis settlements.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The program provides conditional grants for capital-related projects regarding: • Municipal roadways and bridges • Public transit vehicles and facilities • Water supply, treatment, and distribution systems • Wastewater collection and treatment systems • Storm sewer drainage systems and facilities • Emergency service facilities and vehicles Where the core capital infrastructure needs have been addressed and certified to be in good condition, the available funds may also include other projects, such as: • Cultural and recreational facilities • Community environmental and energy systems and facilities • Solid waste management systems and facilities • Municipal buildings • Other municipal physical infrastructure Following the first five-year period, municipalities will have an additional five years to complete the projects initiated under the program.
Project Examples:	• Design and engineering services • Construction and rehabilitation • Vehicle purchase • Land acquisition • Infrastructure management system software • Barrier-free transportation initiatives to improve accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities
Financial Assistance Available:	Based on their estimated 2006 census population, each municipality will receive a grant allocation of approximately $180 per capita per year for the first three years of the program. The actual per capita rate will be determined in 2007 based on a program cap of three billion dollars and the total 2007 Official Population. The updated information will then be used to calculate the maximum grant allocation to each municipality and the payment increments for the following two years will be adjusted accordingly. The funding provided under this program is intended to cover capital costs only and may not be used for maintenance costs, operating costs, debt reduction, or replacement of existing municipal infrastructure expenditures. There is no requirement for a municipal funding contribution under this program.
Program Timelines:	Grants under this program will be paid to each eligible municipality in annual increments over the first five years of the program up to their maximum allocation.

	Following the first five year period, municipalities will have an additional five years to complete the projects initiated under the program.	
Application Deadlines:	Prior to April 1 of each year, the municipality shall provide to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, a listing of proposed work for the upcoming year, for review and acceptance by the Regional Director. Each municipality will be required to enter into an Agreement with the Province prior to any funds being transferred to the municipality under this program.	
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType606/Production/amip.htm	
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Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program

Objectives:

To provide financial assistance to assist in the construction of municipal water supply and treatment, wastewater treatment and disposal facilities.

Description:

The Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program (AMWWP) ensures that Albertans have access to safe water supplies and adequate wastewater treatment. This program enhances life in smaller urban centers and allows municipalities to attract development to their communities.

Funding for a particular municipality may be impacted by three initiatives under this program:

- Water/Wastewater Studies Initiative: This initiative provides financial assistance to eligible municipalities reviewing and/or identifying their water/wastewater needs.
- Water Conservation Initiative: This initiative encourages water conservation and consumption-based water rate schedules.
- Regional Systems Initiative: This initiative provides financial assistance for the construction of regional water and wastewater systems, which are more cost-effective and/or environmentally desirable than independent facilities.

Eligible Entities:

Cities (with a population under 45,000), towns, villages, summer villages, regional services commissions and eligible hamlets within rural municipalities.

Project Eligibility Criteria:

Funding may be available for the following projects:

- Water supply and treatment facilities
- Wastewater treatment facilities
- Small projects "at the plant" which would enhance the treatment process, such as chlorination or fluoridation
- Planning and/or design studies directly related to an eligible project

Under the AMWWP Water/Wastewater Studies Initiative, municipalities with a population of 10,000 or less, could also apply for funding for the following types of studies:

- Preliminary engineering assessments to review and identify water and wastewater upgrading requirements to existing systems which may then be incorporated into short-term and long-term capital work plans
- Engineering studies, which help to establish a five-year capital works program for water and wastewater improvements

All services, material and equipment engaged under this program must be from the private sector. Municipalities are encouraged to support Alberta companies supplying goods and services to the waterworks and wastewater industry.

Project Examples:

- Water supply and treatment
  - Raw-water intakes and wells
  - Raw-water supply lines to storage facilities
  - Raw-water storage facilities
  - Raw-water supply lines from storage facilities to treatment facilities
  - Water treatment facilities
  - Treated-water supply line from the treatment plant to the first connection point on the distribution system
  - Treated-water storage facilities and related works
- Wastewater treatment
  - Outfall sewer from last connection point on the collection system to the wastewater treatment facilities

	• Wastewater treatment facilities • Outfall sewers from the wastewater treatment facilities to the point of discharge or disposal and related works
Financial Assistance Available:	Funding is provided as a percentage of eligible approved project costs. For those municipalities with a population under 1,000, projects are cost-shared on a 75 percent government / 25 percent municipality basis. For communities over with a population over 1,000 (to a maximum population of 45,000), grant percentage ratios are calculated by a formula. The percentage ratio declines as the population increases. Municipalities apply for funding on a project-by-project basis. Regional Water Systems approved under the Regional Systems Initiative may receive 10 percent additional funding. All municipalities eligible for funding are subject to the Water Conservation Initiative. Under the initiative, municipalities could be subject to a 10 percent reduction in grants if they have no metering in place and the average annual consumption exceeds the norm for the area. This applies to both water and wastewater projects. The following are not eligible for funding: • Water distribution and/or sewage collection systems • Municipal labour and equipment • Goods and Services Tax applicable to the project
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	November 30, 2006 for 2007/2008 fiscal year.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType367/Production/amwwp.htm
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Canada – Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund

Objectives:	To ensure all Albertans, whether they live in large, small or remote communities, share in the benefits of infrastructure investments.
Description:	The Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) is a federal-provincial cost-shared program which targets municipal and rural infrastructure that improves the quality of life and economic opportunities of communities. CAMRIF is a partnership program between the federal, provincial and municipal governments and in some cases, private sector organizations. In general, each level of government contributes a third of the total eligible costs of any given project.
Eligible Entities:	Cities, towns, villages, municipal districts, counties, improvement districts, special areas, or Métis settlements in Alberta. Consortiums of local governments and non-governmental organizations whose application is submitted and signed jointly with a local government are also eligible applicants.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Projects eligible for CAMRIF funding will be construction, renewal and expansion or material enhancement of infrastructure for public use or benefit. The first priority for CAMRIF is Green Municipal Infrastructure, which includes water and wastewater systems, water management, solid waste management and recycling, capital expenditures to retrofit or improve the energy efficiency of buildings and facilities owned by local governments. At least 55 percent of the funds will be directed to green infrastructure projects. Secondary priorities include infrastructure supporting local transportation, culture and recreation, tourism, rural and remote telecommunications, high-speed Internet access for local public institutions, and affordable housing. CAMRIF projects will be required to successfully complete applicable environmental assessment processes, and funding will be conditional on compliance with all applicable federal and provincial requirements. Projects will be selected on a competitive basis from applications received from Alberta communities. Projects funded under CAMRIF should be completed by March 31, 2010.
Project Examples:	• Water and Wastewater Projects • Public Transportation Projects • Local Roads and Bridges • Solid Waste • Energy Improvement Projects • Recreation, Cultural and Tourism Projects • Connectivity Projects • Municipal Capacity Building (MCB)
Financial Assistance Available:	Eighty percent of CAMRIF investments will be directed to projects that benefit municipalities with a population of less than 250,000, with the remaining twenty percent earmarked for Calgary and Edmonton projects. In most cases, the federal and provincial governments will each provide up to one-third of the eligible cost of a municipal infrastructure project, and the municipality itself will provide the rest of the funds. Private sector participation is considered in lieu of or in conjunction with a municipal contribution.

	Eligible Costs may only include: • The costs incurred after the signing of this Agreement • The capital costs of acquiring, constructing or renovating a fixed capital asset • The fees paid to professionals, technical personnel, consultants and contractors specifically engaged to undertake the surveying, design, engineering, manufacturing or construction of a Project Infrastructure asset and related facilities and structures • The costs of environmental assessments and follow-up programs as required by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. E-12 • The costs of any public announcement and official ceremony, or of any temporary or permanent signage • Other costs that are direct and necessary for the successful implementation of a Project and that have been approved in advance, and in writing, by the Management Committee Costs related to the following are not eligible: • Costs incurred before the signing of this Agreement • Construction costs incurred prior to the official approval of a project • Services or works that, in the opinion of the Management Committee, are normally provided by the Recipient or a related party • Salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the Recipient • A Recipient's overhead costs, its direct or indirect operating or administrative costs and, more specifically its costs related to planning, engineering, architecture, supervision, management and other activities normally carried out by the Recipient's staff • Costs of feasibility and planning studies, except the costs of planning, evaluation, development and feasibility studies related to integrated asset management initiatives • the Goods and Services Tax and all other costs eligible for rebates • Costs of land or any interest therein, and related costs • Financing charges and interest costs • Cost of leasing equipment by the Recipient • Legal fees • Routine repair and maintenance costs
Program Timelines:	Four-year program (fiscal years 2006/2007 to 2009/2010).
Application Deadlines:	There will be a minimum of two calls for projects: • First call: April 24, 2006, deadline for submission is July 31, 2006. • Second call: April 15, 2007, deadline for submission is July 31, 2007.
Web Site:	www.camrif.ca
Contact Information:	Canada – Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) 2nd Floor, Twin Atria 4999 – 98th Avenue Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3 T: (780) 422-1151 or toll free at 1-800-396-0214 F: (780) 427-5505 E-mail: camrif@gov.ab.ca

Community Airport Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to Alberta's community-owned public-use airports for their rehabilitation and construction requirements.
Description:	The Community Airport Program (CAP) is intended to maintain and protect the existing network of public licensed community airports in support of safe airport operations, general aviation operations and commercial air charters, forest fire suppression, medi-vac operations, local and regional economic development, and protection of provincial investment in airports.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities with community-owned public-use airports. Airports that are eligible for federal assistance programs or community airports that do not permit public use are not eligible under this program.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects include major capital rehabilitation of the airside portion of the airport, specifically the aircraft operating areas such as primary runway, apron, and primary taxiway from main/terminal apron to runway. Projects must be undertaken on a contract basis. Private sector contractors and suppliers must be used to carry out all work.
Project Examples:	Typical projects would be pavement rehabilitation, including fog seals, slurry seals and overlays.
Financial Assistance Available:	For approved capital projects, up to 100 percent of the eligible cost is available for funding. The following are not eligible for funding: • Buildings, including terminals and storage areas/sheds • New cross-wind runways, secondary runways and taxiways, and runway extensions • Development areas, access roads, fencing, and drainage • Lighting, navigation aids, runway marking painting, water/sewer, power and utilities • Operating and normal routine maintenance • Land acquisition • Municipal labour and equipment Any applicable GST is the responsibility of the municipality. No stacking of grants is permitted.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	October 1.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType366/Production/cap.htm

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Local Road Bridge Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to municipalities for construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of local bridge structures.
Description:	The Local Road Bridge Program assists municipalities in addressing their bridge construction, rehabilitation and maintenance needs.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects should focus on the construction or rehabilitation of culverts, standard bridges and/or major bridges. Projects are evaluated based on condition, functionality, risk of failure, risk of delay, local impact (including length of detour) and local priority. The cost of the infrastructure is compared to the net benefits of the infrastructure. Ineligible projects are: • Structures within the urban area of cities and towns that are not located on main access routes from outside the corporate limits • Livestock underpasses
Project Examples:	Eligible projects can cover a wide range of activities provided they meet specific guidelines for each type of activity. For example, the program will contribute funds towards culvert installations. For this activity, there are guidelines separating what costs will be covered, such as foundation preparation, assembly and installation, and what costs will not be covered including removal of existing structure and grading over the pipe.
Financial Assistance Available:	Municipalities annually submit a list of proposed bridge construction or rehabilitation projects for the next three years. Projects over $200,000 are prioritized on a provincial basis. Projects under $200,000 are prioritized by the region. There are limited annual budgets for all projects. Under the program, funding is provided for: • Construction and engineering costs (including bridge assessments) • Removal and salvage of major bridges • Rehabilitation and major repairs The following are not eligible for funding: • Ferries and traffic accommodation • Right of ways • Utilities • Legal costs • Surveys • Grading and road related items • Removal and salvage of standard bridges and culverts • Minor repairs
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	The regional office issues a letter to all municipalities across Alberta requesting a list of proposed bridge construction or rehabilitation projects for the next three years. The list must be submitted by April 1 each year.
Web Site:	*Not available.*

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New Deal for Cities and Communities

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance in support of sustainable capital municipal infrastructure to maintain or enhance economic, social and cultural opportunity and well being, while protecting and improving the quality of our environment upon which people and economies of Alberta depend.
Description:	The New Deal for Cities and Communities Program assists municipalities in addressing their sustainable municipal capital infrastructure needs. The program is supported through the allocation to Alberta Municipalities of a portion of the federal gasoline tax.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, improvement districts, special areas, and Métis settlements.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Project eligibility is similar to other existing grant programs but with a strong emphasis on environmentally sustainable infrastructure. Funding under this program supports the development of: • Public transit systems • Water and wastewater systems • Solid waste management • Community energy systems • Community capacity building For communities with a population less than 500,000, funding may also be used for rehabilitation of municipal roads and bridges that enhance sustainability outcomes. There is no requirement for a municipal funding contribution to projects accepted under this program. However, the funding provided under this program is in addition to the municipality's normalized annual expenditures on capital municipal infrastructure. The municipality will be required to maintain this normalized annual capital expenditure in addition to utilizing the funds available under this program. In addition, the municipality will be required to develop and implement a sustainability plan.
Project Examples:	• Design and engineering services • Construction and rehabilitation • Transit vehicle purchase • Barrier-free transportation initiatives to improve accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities
Financial Assistance Available:	Based on their estimated 2006 census population, each municipality will receive a per capita grant allocation per year for the first three years of the program. When the census data becomes available in 2007 it will be incorporated into the 2007 Official Population. The actual per capita rate will be determined in 2007 based on the annual program cap and the total 2007 Official Population. The updated information will then be used to calculate the maximum grant allocation to each municipality and the payment increments for the following two years will be adjusted accordingly. Only capital project costs are eligible.
Program Timelines:	Funding will be provided over a five-year period, beginning fiscal 2005/06. In the fourth year of the program, there will be an evaluation and a decision will be made at that time as to extend, modify, or cancel the program. Grants are to be provided semi-annually to eligible municipalities, subject to the transfer of sufficient funds from the Federal Government to the Provincial Government.

Application Deadlines:	Prior to April 1 of each year, the municipality shall provide to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation a listing of proposed work for the upcoming year, for review and acceptance by the Regional Director. Each municipality will be required to enter into an Agreement with the Province prior to any funds being transferred to the municipality under this program.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType607/Production/ndcc.htm

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New Deal for Public Transit Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance for sustainable capital projects relating to public transit infrastructure to protect and improve the quality of our environment.
Description:	The New Deal for Public Transit Program is a new program commencing in 2005 to support the environmental objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing smog forming air emissions through increased public transit ridership and reduced energy use.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities that operate a provincially recognized, municipally owned, public transit system and are members of the Canadian Urban Transit Association. Currently, ten municipalities in Alberta are eligible under this program.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Incremental tangible capital asset additions to municipally owned public transit infrastructure that contribute to reduced greenhouse gasses or clean air.
Project Examples:	• Buses and Light Rail Transit Vehicles • Transit Stations • Busways and Light Rail Transit Lines • Technological upgrades to public transit infrastructure
Financial Assistance Available:	For 2005, a fixed amount of $500,000 will be given to each municipality plus a share of $35,090,902 based on 2004 ridership statistics. For example, if municipality "A" has three percent of the total ridership for all eligible municipalities, then municipality "A" will receive three percent of $35,090,902. For 2006 and subsequent years, funding allocation will be subject to review and will depend on transfer of funds from the Federal Government.
Program Timelines:	2005/2006 to 2009/2010.
Application Deadlines:	March 31 each year to facilitate early provision of available grant funds. Late applications may be considered.
Web Site:	www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType608/Production/ndpT.htm
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Resource Road Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to local municipal road authorities for roadways impacted by resource industry.
Description:	The Resource Road Program (RRP) is intended to improve the movement of goods and people associated with new or expanded value-added processing facilities, resource and other industries, intensified farming operations, or high through-put grain elevators. The program will apply to local roads and bridges, including intersection improvements with provincial highways.
Eligible Entities:	Counties, municipal districts, Métis settlements, Special Areas, towns, villages, summer villages, and any area of a specialized municipality outside the defined urban service area.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Transportation of goods and people must relate to new value-added processing facilities, intensified farming operations, resource-based industrial development, or high through-put grain elevators which began operation or were expanded in 2001 or later. The road must be used by at least 25 trucks per day on average during any three-month period of the year. Paving may be considered and included in the project if the current total traffic volumes exceed 400 vehicles per day Annual Average Day Traffic (AADT). Private sector contractors and suppliers must be used to carry out all work claimed under this program. Any road constructed or improved under the program must be open for use by all publicly-licensed vehicles and not be subject to any municipal general user fees. Eligible projects will be prioritized on a provincial basis, with the highest-priority projects receiving approvals commensurate with the available budget. Approved projects may be eligible to receive funding in trust, with any interest earned to be put towards the project. All work must be completed by March 31, 2009.
Project Examples:	*Not applicable.*
Financial Assistance Available:	The program will provide cost-shared funding based on 50 percent government / 50 percent municipal, up to a maximum provincial grant amount of $1.5 million per project. The applicant municipality is encouraged to provide 25 percent of the funding required, and to acquire a contribution of 25 percent from the private sector. In order to assist municipalities with roads heavily used/impacted by non-local or through-trips, the program may provide up to 75 percent funding for approved projects, up to a maximum grant amount of $2,250,000 per project, where the project is approved on the basis of "through-truck trips". Funding will not be provided for projects currently underway. The following are not eligible for funding: • Roads on which municipalities charge or intend to charge general user fees • Projects which are intended primarily for local (residential, recreational and farm) traffic • The purchase of land or fencing • Payment of crop damages

	• Utility relocations • Municipality's own administration costs and legal fees • Goods and Services Tax applicable to the project
Program Timelines:	Six-year program (fiscal years 2003/04 to 2008/09).
Application Deadlines:	November 30, 2006 for 2007/2008 fiscal year. November 30, 2007 for 2008/2009 fiscal year.
Web Site:	www.trans.gov.ab.ca/Content/doctype365/production/rrni.htm
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Rural Transportation Grant

Objectives:	To assist rural municipalities in developing a network of roads to a uniform standard commensurate with demand and need, to increase the safety of the traveling public, and to ensure required engineering is undertaken for approved projects.
Description:	The Rural Transportation Grant (RTG) allows municipalities to meet the heavy traffic demand and the need for improved and expanded local road systems. The program also allows the municipalities to increase the safety of their local road infrastructure for the traveling public. This program also provides for the hiring of private engineering consultants for survey, design and supervision work for roadway construction projects.
Eligible Entities:	Counties, municipal districts, Métis settlements, special areas.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Grant funding can be used for capital work undertaken on the local road system, including school bus routes, market roads, farm access roads, other local roads, and hamlet streets. A minimum of 50 percent of all materials, labour and equipment engaged on projects eligible for funding must be obtained from the private sector.

Project Examples:	• Grading/regrading
	• Gravelling
	• Base course, paving, seal coat
	• Signing, pavement markings
	• Dust abatement (approved suppressants include liquid asphalt, calcium chloride, lignosulfonates and other products approved by Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation which have proven to be effective in controlling dust and are environmentally safe)
	• Engineering projects, private engineering consultants to undertake:
	  • Engineering survey, design, supervision and quality control
	  • Geo-technical engineering required to determine special construction requirements or to evaluate unique circumstances
	  • Engineering studies related to the long-term needs of the municipal system

Financial Assistance Available:	The grant is allocated to eligible entities on an annual basis through a formula, which takes into account kilometers of open road, population, equalized assessment, and terrain. Funding is provided for 100 percent of approved projects up to the municipality's annual allocation. Maintenance projects and engineering or administration work performed by municipal staff are not eligible for funding. Activities not eligible for funding include: • Right-of-way acquisition • Maintenance • Relocation/moves and adjustment of associated utilities • Engineering performed by municipal staff • Fencing • Goods and Services Tax Funds for bridge construction, maintenance and rehabilitation are provided on a project specific basis with appropriate cost-sharing with the local road authority.

Program Timelines:	Annual recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Prior to April 1 of each year, the municipalities need to provide Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation with a listing of proposed work for the upcoming year, for review and acceptance by the Regional Director. In addition, each municipality will be required to enter into an agreement with the Province prior to any funds being transferred to the municipality under this program.
Web Site:	www.trans.gov.ab.ca/Content/doctype364/production/rtg.htm
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Streets Improvement Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance for transportation capital projects.
Description:	The Streets Improvement Program (SIP) provides cost-shared grants to towns, villages, summer villages, and eligible hamlets to assist with the provision of lasting streets improvements, to enhance life in rural centres, and to serve to attract the decentralization of industry.
Eligible Entities:	Towns, villages, summer villages, and eligible hamlets.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	SIP allows the municipalities the flexibility to select their projects within general guidelines. The grant provides funding for capital street improvements such as grading, gravelling, base course, paving, sidewalks, curb and gutter, roadway drainage, bridges and related work. As well, safety related features, which will enhance transportation safety for all Albertans, can be funded. The reconstruction and/or replacement of existing municipal water distribution and sewage collection pipes within the roadway, in conjunction with street reconstruction, will also qualify for assistance. All construction and related services are to be obtained from the private sector.

Project Examples:	• Road/street grading and gravelling
	• Base course pavement construction
	• Final paving
	• Approved dust control methods
	• Sidewalk, curb and gutter
	• Roadway storm sewer and drainage systems
	• Bridge and culvert development
	• Street illumination projects
	• Traffic control devices
	• Signage (regulatory, guidance and direction)
	• Rights-of-way acquisition
	• Engineering costs
	• Relocation and adjustment of associated utilities
	• Reconstruction and/or replacement of existing municipal water distribution and sewage collection pipes within the roadway, in conjunction with the street reconstruction
	• Acquisition of accessible public transportation vehicles
	• Accessible/specialized transportation review studies
	• Feasibility studies for new public transit system
	• Safety related/enhancement projects:
	  • Traffic control devices and pedestrian signals
	  • Emergency bay construction on roadways (may include emergency telephones)
	  • Construction of pedestrian overpasses, protection areas and other improvements
	  • Traffic control devices and channelizing barriers
	  • Bicycle route development in hazardous areas

	• Illumination improvements • Installation of safety fences and barriers • Warning sign and other pedestrian safety installations • Improvements to existing railway crossings • Barrier free transportation initiatives to improve accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities
Financial Assistance Available:	Each municipality is eligible to receive an annual per capita allocation based on the previous year's official population. Towns, villages, and summer villages, with a population of 300 or more, are eligible for an annual grant allocation of $60 per capita, based on their official population (as reported by Alberta Municipal Affairs) for the previous year. For towns, villages and summer villages having a population of less than 300, the annual grant will include a "base grant" of $8,000 plus $33.33/capita. For rural municipalities, the annual grant is based on the total aggregated population of all eligible hamlets within the municipality. The municipality will be eligible for $60 per capita; however, if the total aggregated population is less than 300, the allocation is calculated using the equation [$8,000 + $33.33/capita]. The rural municipality is permitted to use or assign the grant funds to any eligible project within any of their eligible hamlets. The program provides cost-shared grants, on a 75 percent government / 25 percent municipality basis for construction and engineering costs, up to the approved maximum eligibility. Maintenance projects, municipal labour and equipment, municipal administration costs and GST costs are not eligible for funding.
Program Timelines:	Annual recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadliness:	Prior to April 1st of each year, the municipalities need to provide Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation with a listing of proposed work for the upcoming year, for review and acceptance by the Regional Director. In addition, each municipality will be required to enter into an Agreement with the Province prior to any funds being transferred to the municipality under this program.
Web Site:	www.trans.gov.ab.ca/Content/doctype363/production/sip.htm
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Emergency Management Ground Search and Rescue Training Grant

MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To provide funding for approved training courses to assist eligible municipalities improve ground search and rescue response capabilities.
Description:	The Emergency Management Ground Search and Rescue Training Grant is a special initiative under the Municipal Sponsorship Program. Funding is provided under a conditional grant agreement with the Province represented by the Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs. The Minister advises eligible municipalities when conditional grant funding is available for ground search and rescue training.
Eligible Entities:	Cities, towns, villages, specialized municipalities, municipal districts, improvement districts, special areas, or Métis settlements with a population of 20,000 or less that host a Ground Search and Rescue group belonging to the Search and Rescue Association of Alberta. The program excludes summer villages.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The application form includes a list of eligible courses. The courses must be conducted in compliance with course training standards approved by the Executive Committee of the Search and Rescue Association of Alberta. The courses are subject to a minimum number of attendees per course. The training must be completed by March of the fiscal year after obtaining formal approval. Multi-year funding commitments will not be made.
Project Examples:	• ATV Safety • Civil Emergency Response • Civil Emergency Response Instructor Recertification • Mantracking • Operational Leadership Training • Safety Officer • Search and Rescue (SAR) Basics • SAR Manager • Snowmobile Safety • Swift Water Rescue • Wilderness First Aid
Financial Assistance Available:	For each eligible course, a maximum allowable amount has been determined and is included on the application form. The maximum allowable amount per course can include assistance for travel costs (e.g. mileage and accommodation) as well as direct training costs. Municipalities that expect lower costs can apply for a smaller grant amount.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	January. The exact date varies year to year.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ema_initiatives.htm

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Emergency Management Training Grant

MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To provide funding for approved training courses in order to assist eligible municipalities enhance municipal and regional emergency preparedness and response capabilities in a disaster situation.
Description:	The Emergency Management Grant is a special initiative under the Municipal Sponsorship Program. Funding is provided under a conditional grant agreement with the Province represented by the Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs. The Minister advises eligible municipalities when conditional grant funding is available for emergency management training.
Eligible Entities:	Cities, towns, villages, specialized municipalities, municipal districts, improvement districts, special areas, or Métis settlements with a population of 20,000 or less. The program excludes summer villages.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The application form includes a list of eligible courses. The training must be conducted in compliance with the current Emergency Management Exercise and Training Standards. The courses are subject to a minimum number of attendees per course. As a rule, the training must be completed by March of the fiscal year after obtaining formal approval; however, the completion date may vary from year to year and is as stated on the application form. Multi-year funding commitments will not be made.
Project Examples:	• Emergency Management Workshop • Municipal Disaster Exercise
Financial Assistance Available:	For each eligible course, a maximum allowable amount is determined and included on the application form. The maximum allowable amount per course can include assistance for travel costs (mileage, hotels, etc.) as well as direct training costs. Municipalities that expect lower costs can apply for a smaller grant amount.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	January. The exact date varies annually.
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Fire Services Training Initiative

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to expand and enhance fire services training to assist municipal fire departments with improved access to certified training.
Description:	Alberta Municipal Affairs has made funding available under the Fire Services Training Initiative to expand and enhance fire services training and promote increased regional cooperation in the Alberta fire service. Funding is provided under a conditional grant agreement with the Province.
Eligible Entities:	Municipal fire departments that are recognized in Alberta and are able to meet the training requirements concerning course attendance, facility, ground and location, training apparatus and equipment, instructional staff and hours of operation of Training Centre.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The application form includes a list of eligible courses. Other courses that relate to rescue, farm rescue and animal rescue. A course is defined as a program of instruction consisting of theory, practice or a combination of both that would normally be instructed over a 28 to 32 hour timeframe, followed by an evaluation of learning outcomes. All applications will be reviewed and must be approved by the Fire Commissioner's Office. Two seats on every course must be reserved for aboriginal fire fighters. The training must be completed by March of the fiscal year after obtaining formal approval. Multi-year funding commitments will not be made.
Project Examples:	• Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents (NFPA 472) • Firefighter Professional Qualifications (NFPA 1001) • Fire Department Vehicle Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (NFPA 1002) • Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (NFPA 1021) • Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications (NFPA 1041) • Wildland Firefighter Professional Qualifications (NFPA 1051) • Incident Command System (ICS)
Financial Assistance Available:	Funds will be provided to a maximum of $5,000 per course offered. Funding is intended to cover all course costs, including examination costs. Voluntary fees such as coffee and meals are permitted. Funds made available to the Training Centre may be used to pay for any and all costs of providing the training, except for the purchase of firefighting and presentation equipment. Funds granted under the Fire Services Training Initiative may not be used for: • Any medical training • Any non-accredited firefighter training • Any disaster management training similar to that funded by EMA (Emergency Management Alberta) • Any training at an advanced or specialist level • Any training that is funded by other ministries or grant programs
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.

Application Deadlines:	January. The exact date varies annually.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/fco_index.htm
Contact Information:	Fire Commissioner's Office Alberta Municipal Affairs 16th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-8392 F: (780) 422-5898 E-mail. Firecomm@gov.ab.ca Or contact the Fire Safety Officer in your region.

Joint Emergency Preparedness Program

Objectives:	To provide financial contributions to communities to assist in meeting the costs of projects aimed at enhancing their level of emergency preparedness and response capability.
Description:	The Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) has been put into place through Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada to encourage and support communities throughout Canada to work towards a national capability to meet emergencies of all types with a uniform standard of response. The program aims to achieve an appropriate and reasonably uniform level of national civil preparedness for emergencies as well as encouraging and supporting provincial/territorial civil preparedness and community civil preparedness. JEPP is a federal financial assistance program administered through Emergency Management Alberta, Alberta Municipal Affairs.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities which: • have established a Disaster Services Agency • maintain and exercise a current municipal emergency plan • have appointed a Director of Disaster Services
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The project must have the intent to develop or enhance municipal or regional emergency management capability. The project must have a clear objective and demonstrated need. Equipment purchases through the project must be made available regionally through mutual aid. The project must not commence until receiving final approval from the Executive Director of Emergency Management Alberta, a branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs.
Project Examples:	• Telecommunication System: Purchase and installation of telecommunication equipment designed to enhance coverage, coordinated response, and telecommunication amongst mutual aid partners. Telecommunication equipment intended for a single emergency service is not eligible. • Rescue Equipment: Rescue equipment for on-site response, such as: hydraulic equipment (Jaws of Life), high-pressure airbag lifting systems, dangerous goods mitigation equipment (including chemical suits), and Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) equipment. • Emergency Power Equipment: Purchase and or the installation of power generators to provide back-up emergency power for either Emergency Operation Centres and/or Emergency Shelters/Reception Centres. • Emergency Operations Centres: Purchase and installation of equipment that will enhance the community's Emergency Operation Centre. • Prototypical Indicatives: Communities are encouraged to submit applications for prototypical equipment as long as the equipment enhances the regional emergency response capability. • Specialist response equipment for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)
Financial Assistance Available:	Approved projects will be funded at a cost-sharing ratio of 50 percent government/ 50 percent municipality, unless special arrangements are made or funding limits are reached.

	The following projects may be funded to a maximum contribution of: • Vehicles (rescue or command post) $40,000 • Telecommunication projects $40,000 • Power generators $10,000 The following costs are not eligible for funding: • Items that are considered to be the day-to-day responsibility of the community • On-going operating and maintenance costs • 911 emergency services systems • Water vessels or fire suppression equipment
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	October 15.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ema_jepp.htm
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Grants in Place of Taxes Program

Objectives:	To assist municipalities in the cost of providing municipal services.
Description:	Although Crown-owned properties are exempt from assessment and therefore exempt from taxation, the Province of Alberta pays a grant equivalent to the property taxes that would otherwise be levied on many of these properties. Approximately 170 municipalities receive grants in place of taxes for 6,600 Crown properties.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities where Crown-owned properties are located.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Categories of property not eligible include: • Non-assessable property; • Museums and historical sites; • Public works reserves; • Schools and post-secondary educational institutions; • Hospitals; and • Leased property.
Project Examples:	*Not applicable.*
Financial Assistance Available:	Upon application, the municipalities receive a grant that is equivalent to the property taxes that the Crown property would have paid if the property were not exempt. The program also pays for the municipal portion of property taxes for non-profit unsubsidized self-contained seniors accommodations that are not receiving provincial operating subsidies.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	No specific deadline but the applications must be received during the tax year for which the municipalities are applying.
Web Site:	*Not applicable.*
Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Intermunicipal Dispute Resolution Initiative

Objectives:	To increase the capacity of municipalities to find local solutions to local issues such as a municipality having difficulty coming to an agreement with a neighbouring municipality or regional authority.
Description:	The Intermunicipal Dispute Resolution Initiative is designed to help solve a dispute between a municipality and a neighbouring municipality or regional authority. The Initiative will pay for a portion of the cost of mediation, specifically the mediator's fee and travel expenses.
Eligible Entities:	Conflicting parties made up of any one municipality in dispute with another municipality or regional entity.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Any dispute between a municipality and another municipality or regional authority is eligible for funding. Once the parties agree, they can write a letter to the Minister and request funding. Funding is available for: • Shared Mediation Costs - part of the funding for mediation or other alternative dispute resolution techniques is provided • Fact-finding - In situations where mediated negotiations have stalled a fact finder can be retained to provide an assessment of what an arbitrator might find if the case was referred to arbitration. This informal, non-binding, process provides an opportunity for the chief elected and chief administrative officers of the municipalities involved to present their case before a qualified arbitrator. The arbitrator's non-binding report provides the parties with information that could help to restart negotiations.
Project Examples:	Disputes regarding: • Annexation • Land Use Planning • Cost Sharing • Service Provision
Financial Assistance Available:	The financial assistance available is intended to cover a portion of the conflict resolution costs (generally 1/3 of total cost), with the exact amount determined by discussion between the municipalities and Ministry staff. There is no cap on funding; the Initiative will cover a proportion of the cost irrespective of the total dollar amount.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/mediation/grants/grants.html

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Local Dispute Resolution Initiative

Objectives:	To increase the ability of municipalities to find local solutions to local issues such as helping a municipality effectively deal with and manage internal conflict.
Description:	The Local Dispute Resolution Initiative is designed to assist municipalities in designing generic systems that can help them reduce conflict and also resolve it when it actually occurs. The program funding allows a municipality to examine its current operating practices from a conflict management perspective. After an appropriate system has been designed by a municipality, the program also assists in implementing that system.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Interested municipalities can apply for funding by writing to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Funding can be used to evaluate and assess how a municipality currently handles disputes, and to develop new ways to manage those disputes and conflicts. Funding can also be used to implement detailed conflict management plans, support training, and create evaluation processes. The conflict management system may include solving: • Disagreements arising from public hearings or meetings • Items that consistently resurface on the Council's agenda • Disputes between administrators and contractors; and Council not working as a team.
Project Examples:	Eligible entities can use funding to improve relations in these areas: • Ratepayers • Public participation • Land use planning • Council/Administration • Contracts • Human resources
Financial Assistance Available:	Upon request, grants are available for up to $35,000. The program also offers additional funding up to $15,000 in matching money to actually implement the conflict management system designed in the initial phase of the project.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/mediation/grants/grants.html
Contact Information:	Manager, Dispute Resolution Services Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, Commerce Place 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 422-8848 F: (780) 422-8624

Municipal Energy Efficiency Assistance Program

Objectives:	As part of the Alberta government's commitment to energy efficiency, this program provides interest-free loans that help Alberta municipalities undertake energy efficiency projects and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Description:	The Municipal Energy Efficiency Assistance Program *(ME first!)* was launched in September 2003 by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Environment in support of the Alberta government's action plan on climate change. *ME first!* is a limited term, $100 million interest-free loan program that is designed to help municipalities increase energy efficiency. The program is delivered by Climate Change Central.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, Métis settlements, improvement districts, special areas, and regional services commissions in Alberta.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Projects should aim to achieve energy savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or replace conventional energy with renewable or alternative sources in their operations and within their communities. Priority will go to projects focused on municipal infrastructure and operations under direct municipal control. *ME first!* encourages projects that are based on partnerships. If the project is a partnership, one municipality must be identified as the managing partner.
Project Examples:	• Municipal building retrofits (e.g., arenas and swimming pools) that serve to improve the energy efficiency of current operations (e.g., lighting retrofits) • New building construction (e.g., cost of energy efficient alternatives) • Transportation infrastructure (e.g., streetlight retrofits) • Vehicle fleets (e.g., conversion to alternative fuel) • Upgrades to water and wastewater facilities (e.g., pumps and aerators) • Renewable (e.g., solar/wind power) and alternative energy (e.g., combined heating and power facilities, landfill gas capture) Retrofitting involves bringing an old building up to new energy standards. Upgrades can include anything from minor changes that make the facility more energy efficient to larger improvements that help achieve standards such as the LEED Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). The Model National Energy Code establishes minimum requirements for energy efficiency in new buildings. Projects that aim for higher standards or innovative projects can apply for additional interest-free loan funding.
Financial Assistance Available:	The interest-free loans will be available to municipalities in the following manner: • $35,000 for municipalities with a population of 1,000 or less • $35.00 per capita for municipalities with a population of between 1,000 and 100,000 • $20 million for each of Calgary and Edmonton • $10 million in additional funding for special innovative projects The loan must meet the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, must be approved by Council(s) and the Alberta Capital Finance Authority, and will have a structured lending and specific repayment arrangement, not to exceed five years. *ME first!* is administered on a per capita basis. Participating in more than one project means that each municipality must assign a percentage of its eligibility to that particular project.
Program Timelines:	Fixed time, ending fiscal year 2006/2007.

Application Deadlines:	June 1, 2006 and December 1, 2006.
Web Site:	www.climatechangecentral.com/mefirst/
Contact Information:	*ME first!* Program Climate Change Central Suite 100, 999 Eighth Street SW Calgary, AB T2R 1J5 T: (403) 517-2700 or dial 1-866-609-2700 toll free F: (403) 517-2727 Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Municipal Internship Program

Objectives:	To assist Alberta municipalities in their succession planning efforts to recruit, train and retain competent municipal employees who can progress into leadership positions.
Description:	The Municipal Internship Program is sponsored by Municipal Affairs in partnership with Alberta's municipalities. It is designed to attract recent post-secondary graduates to the field of municipal management. Its objective is to assist in the training and development of competent, well-rounded senior municipal administrators. It is expected that upon successful completion of the program, interns will be better prepared to enter the municipal administrative field in Alberta's municipalities.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities. For a municipality to be eligible it must: • Have a population between 700 and 100,000 • Possess a strong council-administration relationship and a strong commitment from both groups to have an intern • Have made a sufficient commitment of resources, both financial and staff • Have the ability to provide training in a wide range of municipal functions • Have staff interested in sharing knowledge and experiences with the intern
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Interns must have a recently completed post-secondary degree or diploma, a desire to experience and learn the functions of a municipality, related work or volunteer experience, and a willingness to relocate to the host municipality.
Project Examples:	Interns are hosted by a variety of municipalities and can work in all areas of public administration.
Financial Assistance Available:	The Ministry provides grants of $34,000 to 15 municipalities for the purpose of hosting an intern. Of that, $25,000 is designated as part of the intern's wages and $9,000 is allotted for expenses incurred by the intern for things such as courses and travel to Municipal Affairs' sponsored training. Host municipalities are expected to supplement the intern's wage above the $25,000 provided by the Ministry.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	For the administration hosting an intern: September For the intern's application: January
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/internship/
Contact Information:	Municipal Internship Program Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, Commerce Place 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 420-1016

Municipal Sponsorship Program – Primary Grant

MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To improve municipal administration, governance, or service delivery by providing funding for projects that address municipal priorities.
Description:	The Municipal Sponsorship Program is a conditional grant program that provides support to municipalities to promote innovation, cooperation and excellence in local government. Significant program changes are being introduced in 2006 that include new program guidelines and a new application form.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities and Métis settlements with a population of 20,000 or less based upon the most current Alberta Municipal Affairs Official Population List in effect at the time the year's program guidelines are announced.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	To be eligible, the project must meet one or more of the following program objectives: • Improve municipal governance or administration • Enhance municipal services or service delivery • Increase intermunicipal cooperation (to share services and pool resources between municipalities) Any eligible municipality may undertake or participate in up to three projects of its choice per year.
Project Examples:	The Municipal Sponsorship Program is based on the premise that a municipal council will identify their municipal project needs. The choice and definition of the project is up to the applying municipality, but it must be a project (not a list of unrelated items).
Financial Assistance Available:	Based on population size, a base grant has been calculated for each eligible municipality. The program also offers bonus funding for projects that are intermunicipal and/or based on a shared municipal-provincial priority. Municipalities partnering on projects will receive an Intermunicipal Project bonus of 25 percent of the proportion of the base grant that is going to be committed to the intermunicipal project. Priority projects are eligible to receive a bonus of 65 percent of the share of the base grant assigned to the project. Priority projects fall under the following categories: • Energy Efficiency; • Infrastructure Management; • Emergency Services; • Sustainability and Land Use Planning; and • Water and Wastewater Treatment and Distribution/Collection Systems. Projects that involve both intermunicipal cooperation and priority project selection are eligible for both bonuses. All grant funding is conditional and project-based. Grants can be applied to operating or capital expenditures or both. Grant funds may not be used for: • The municipal share of any provincial-municipal cost-shared program or project • Work done or materials obtained before the conditional grant agreement is signed by the Minister Projects are only funded for one year.

Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	October 16, 2006. Earlier applications are encouraged.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms_index.htm#grants
Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Municipal Sponsorship Program - Optional Enhanced Grant

MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To improve municipal administration, governance, or service delivery by providing funding for projects that address municipal priorities.
Description:	Alberta Municipal Affairs introduced the Municipal Sponsorship Program in 1998 to promote innovation, cooperation and excellence in local government.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities and Métis Settlements with a population of 20,000 or less, based upon the most current Alberta Municipal Affairs Official Population List in effect at the time the year's program guidelines are announced.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	To be eligible, the project must meet one or more of the following program objectives: • Improve municipal governance or administration • Enhance municipal services or service delivery • Increase intermunicipal cooperation (to share services and pool resources between municipalities) In addition, an Enhanced Grant application requires sufficient evidence of project planning and identification of, and mitigation for, reasonably foreseeable risks. Evidence of suitable preparation and planning depends on the complexity of the project and the amount of grant funds requested. Enhanced Grant Applications are assigned a quality rating score that assesses the quality of a number of planning considerations including balanced budgets, feasible implementation schedules, training requirements, identification of community needs and measuring success. The overall usefulness of expected results, the progressive or innovative nature of expected improvements, and shared benefits between municipal partners and community groups are also factors used to evaluate a project. Projects that promote energy efficiencies or the collection of municipal infrastructure data using the Municipal Infrastructure Management System are eligible for additional quality points.
Project Examples:	Enhanced Grant funding is typically for larger dollar-value projects including: • Information technology projects such as Geographical Information Systems • Emergency service equipment As well, enhanced projects can include municipal infrastructure data collection in excess of $40,000.
Financial Assistance Available:	Enhanced grant funding is up to $20.00 per capita to a maximum of $200,000, except if the municipal population is less than 500, the maximum grant will be $10,000. Special conditions apply to summer villages. Enhanced funding may exceed the $20.00 per capita or $200,000 if the project is eligible for the 25 percent intermunicipal bonus. The actual amount awarded will depend on the calculated need of the municipality, the merit of the project and the quality rating assigned to the application. All grant funding is conditional and project-based. Grants can be applied to operating or capital expenditures or both. Grant funds may not be used for: • The municipal share of any provincial-municipal cost-shared program or project • Work done or materials obtained before the conditional grant agreement is signed by the Minister Most municipalities may participate in more than one project per year up to the

	maximum allowable limit. If a municipality applies for more than one project, the additional projects must be intermunicipal. Projects are only funded for one year. An application that does not meet the requirements for full or partial enhanced funding can receive basic funding if it meets all the program's eligibility requirements, and if the applicant still wishes to continue with the project despite receiving reduced funding. Basic funding is calculated at $2.50 per capita with a minimum total basic grant of $2,000 and a maximum of $20,000. Special rules apply to summer villages.
Program Timelines:	**The Optional Enhanced Grant Application Form will only be available in 2006 as part of the transition to the modified Municipal Sponsorship Program.**
Application Timelines:	October 16, 2006. Earlier applications are encouraged.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms_index.htm#grants
Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Municipal Sponsorship Program – Optional Special Grant for the Collection of Infrastructure Data

MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Objectives:	To encourage the collection of municipal infrastructure data required to support long term infrastructure planning.
Description:	Alberta Municipal Affairs introduced the Municipal Sponsorship Program in 1998 to promote innovation, cooperation and excellence in local government.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities and Métis settlements with a population of 20,000 or less based upon the most current Alberta Municipal Affairs Official Population List in effect at the time the year's program guidelines are announced.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Projects must meet the special, defined purpose of the Special Grant, which is to collect municipal infrastructure information using the Municipal Infrastructure Management System (MIMS) or another system.
Project Examples:	Implementing different phases of a municipal infrastructure management system, which may include parcel base mapping, field survey, ortho-photo, visual or video inspection, condition assessment, and data input for road, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and building infrastructure.
Financial Assistance Available:	An applicant may apply for up to $40,000 of its Enhanced Grant eligibility for this purpose. Applicants proposing to collect infrastructure data in a format other than MIMS may receive only partial enhanced funding. A 25 percent funding bonus is available for intermunicipal projects, which could result in grant awards up to a maximum of $50,000. Grant funds may not be used for work done or materials obtained before the conditional grant agreement is signed by the Minister
Program Timelines:	**The Optional Special Grant for the Collection of Infrastructure Data Form will only be available in 2006 as part of the transition to the modified Municipal Sponsorship Program.**
Application Deadlines:	October 16, 2006. Earlier applications are encouraged.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms_index.htm#grants
Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Regional Partnerships Initiative - Exploration Grant

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to encourage three or more municipalities to consider the merits of regional partnerships, to explore opportunities, to determine what is feasible, and to define the parameters of potential partnerships.
Description:	Alberta Municipal Affairs introduced the Regional Partnerships Initiative in 1999 to promote innovation, sustainability and cost savings through cooperation. It serves as a means of fostering regional cooperation and strengthening Alberta by helping municipalities explore and develop partnerships that benefit their operations and residents, as well as business and industry. The Regional Partnerships Initiative consists of two grant components: • Exploration Grant • Implementation Grant Exploration Grants are available to municipalities to explore opportunities to establish a regional partnership.
Eligible Entities:	All Municipalities and Métis Settlements. All municipalities may participate as eligible participants in a maximum of two concurrent regional partnerships. This means that a municipality's population may be counted for grant funding purposes in two partnerships at any one time.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Exploration Grants are typically considered for activities that occur during the first stages of partnership development including identifying specific partnering opportunities and defining the partnership's parameters. All Exploration Grant activities should be completed within two years.
Project Examples:	• Developing a regional governance structure and decision-making model • Developing a regional communications strategy and business plan • Feasibility Studies to identify partnering opportunities (e.g., regional municipal operations, emergency services, infrastructure and/or land use planning and management, water services) • Inventory of municipal assets and services for all partnership municipalities
Financial Assistance Available:	The grant funding amount is scaled based on the partnership's eligible population. The eligible population is the sum of the populations of the eligible municipalities participating in a regional partnership. Partnerships with a total eligible population: • Under 500 are not eligible • Between 500 and 2,500 are eligible to receive an Exploration Grant of up to $25,000 • Between 2,501 and 10,000 are eligible to receive an Exploration Grant of up to $50,000 • Over 10,000 are eligible to receive an Exploration Grant of up to $75,000. Metropolitan areas (Greater Calgary and Greater Edmonton regions) are eligible to receive an increased amount depending on the significance of the activities under consideration. At the exploration stage, municipalities are not expected to provide funding. However, they are expected to provide in-kind contributions (e.g., contributions of administrative staff time, meeting space, refreshments or meals for meetings, etc.) as municipal contributions toward Exploration Grant activities. The Regional Partnerships Initiative is a conditional grant initiative.

Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year. Applications received after January 30 in any given year will not be reviewed and approved prior to May 1 of that year.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms_regional_partnerships.htm
Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Regional Partnerships Initiative - Implementation Grant

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to continue the partnership development started by exploration activities and support the next steps including setting parameters, laying the groundwork and initial project delivery activities.
Description:	Alberta Municipal Affairs introduced the Regional Partnerships Initiative in 1999 to promote innovation, sustainability and cost savings through cooperation. It serves as a means of fostering regional cooperation and strengthening Alberta by helping municipalities explore and develop partnerships that benefit their operations and residents, as well as business and industry. The Regional Partnerships Initiative consists of two grant components: • Exploration Grant • Implementation Grant Implementation Grants are available to established regional partnerships to lay the groundwork and develop a framework for sustainable regional services.
Eligible Entities:	All Municipalities and Métis Settlements. All municipalities may participate as eligible participants in a maximum of two concurrent regional partnerships. This means that a municipality's population may be counted for grant funding purposes in two partnerships at any one time.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Implementation Grants are only available to municipalities that have completed approved Exploration Grant activities and wish to proceed to further develop or implement projects or services that are to be delivered on a regional basis. All Implementation Grant activities should be completed within three years.
Project Examples:	• Legal costs associated with the development of formal service sharing agreements and bylaw amendments • Development of regional policies and procedures related to municipal operations • Establishment of regional service delivery frameworks (e.g., office set-up for new regional positions) • Implementation of a regional business plan and communications strategy
Financial Assistance Available:	The grant funding amount is related to the partnership's eligible population. The eligible population is the sum of the populations of the eligible municipalities participating in a regional partnership. Partnerships with a total eligible population: • Under 500 are not eligible • Between 500 and 2,500 are eligible to receive an Implementation Grant of up to $50,000 • Between 2,501 and 10,000 are eligible to receive an Implementation Grant of up to $100,000 • Over 10,000 are eligible to receive an Implementation Grant of up to $150,000. Metropolitan areas (Greater Calgary and Greater Edmonton regions) are eligible to receive an amount depending on the significance of the activities under consideration. At the implementation stage, municipalities are expected to contribute 5 percent of the total grant funded project costs in addition to in-kind contributions. The 25 percent municipal investment cannot be made up of grants obtained from other levels of government or provincial government ministries. The Regional Partnerships Initiative is a conditional grant initiative.

Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Anytime throughout the year. Applications received after January 30 in any given year will not be reviewed and approved prior to May 1 of that year.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms_regional_partnerships.htm
Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 or F: (780) 422-9133

Regional Services Commission Assistance Program

Objectives:	To support new Regional Services Commissions.
Description:	The Municipal Services Branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs works closely with local governments to help them carry out their responsibilities. Among a wide array of services, the branch provides grants to eligible municipalities, including grants to increase cooperation between municipalities. Through the Regional Services Commission Assistance program, the Municipal Services Branch promotes regional partnerships between municipalities. The program provides newly established Regional Services Commissions with a start-up grant.
Eligible Entities:	Regional Services Commissions.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Only Regional Services Commissions that have been newly established by Alberta Municipal Affairs are eligible.
Project Examples:	• Slave Lake Airport Services Commission • North Red Deer Water Services Commission • Mountainview Regional Emergency Services Commission • Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Financial Assistance Available:	Each services commission is assessed for assistance individually. Financial assistance typically ranges from $5,000 to $20,000 per services commission. Grant funding can only be used to fund non-operating costs and one-time start-up costs, such as: • Legal services to prepare by-laws • Computer or office equipment
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Within 6 months of establishing a regional services commission.
Web Site:	*Not available.*
Contact Information:	Legislative Projects Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Unconditional Municipal Grant Program

Objectives:	To distribute funds to support municipal operations. To ensure flexibility and responsiveness to local priorities, there are no conditions on the use of the funds.
Description:	The program was established in 1994 to maximize municipal flexibility by eliminating conditions on a number of provincial grants. It started out with five former conditional and unconditional grant programs – the Municipal Assistance Grant, the Municipal Police Assistance Grant, the Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant, the Urban Parks Operating Grant, and the Family and Community Support Services Program. The Family and Community Support Services component was returned to Family and Social Services (now Children's Services) on April 1, 1996. The Municipal Assistance Grant was discontinued on April 1, 1998. The Police Assistance Grant component was transferred to Solicitor General on April 1, 2004, for the new Policing Grant Program. The program now combines funds under two previous programs: • Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. This program included two components – a regular transit grant and a specialized transportation grant for seniors and persons with disabilities. • Urban Parks Operating Grant from Alberta Community Development.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities and Métis settlement.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	*Not applicable.*
Project Examples:	*Not applicable.*
Financial Assistance Available:	The formula used to distribute the grants is based on the allocations made according to the 1994 business plan. The same municipalities are provided the same amount of funding each year as set out in 1994.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	No applications necessary, payments are automatic.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms_815.htm
Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 – 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

West Nile Virus Targeted Mosquito Larval Control Program

Objectives:	To target larval control at the mosquito species Culex tarsalis to reduce mosquito numbers and the risk of disease transmission.
Description:	The West Nile Virus Targeted Mosquito Larval Control Program provides funding to selected Alberta municipalities (based on risk) to reduce populations of the mosquito species Culex tarsalis. This mosquito species is primarily responsible for transmission of West Nile virus to humans in the prairie provinces. The Program focuses on control strategies targeted at the Culex tarsalis mosquito, as opposed to all other species that comprise 'nuisance' mosquito populations that develop in each area of the Province.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities and Special Areas in high and medium risk zones located in the south east portion of the province. Municipalities are being encouraged to partner in the targeted larval mosquito program and can submit one application on behalf of all the municipalities participating in the partnership. If municipalities are considering applying for grant funds as a partnership, one municipality must be identified as the managing partner.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The emphasis of this program will remain on determining Culex tarsalis aquatic development sites and controlling them through either physical intervention (i.e., flushing or draining) or the application of approved mosquito larvicides. Training will again be offered on all integrated pest management components for control of mosquitoes with mosquito identification and training/certification sessions to be held in or near higher risk communities during the month of May. Eligible municipalities will receive funding under the guidelines established for the *West Nile virus Targeted Mosquito Larval Control Program*, implement their programs through the summer months, and submit a year-end summary report to verify the costs associated with their control program.
Project Examples:	• Identification of mosquito larval development sites • Establishment of mapping systems • Purchase of chemical application equipment and protective clothing • Chemical larvicide and other related operational expenses
Financial Assistance Available:	Per capita funding up to a maximum of $85,000, with a minimum of $1,500 to municipalities in high and medium risk areas. Grants will be allocated on a graded scale of risk established by scientific information obtained through available bird, horse, mosquito and human surveillance data.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Announced annually. Deadlines are typically at the end of May, although earlier applications are encouraged.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms_index.htm#grants

Contact Information:	Grants and Administration Unit Municipal Services Branch Alberta Municipal Affairs 17th Floor, 10155 – 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 T: (780) 427-2225 F: (780) 422-9133

Alberta | **Seniors and Community Supports**

Affordable Housing Partnership Initiative – Phase II

CANADA – ALBERTA AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

Objectives:	To provide capital grants to assist in the construction of new affordable housing projects, major renovations to convert existing non-housing projects into housing, or undertake restoration or purchase of existing housing stock to accommodate low and moderate-income working households.
Description:	The Affordable Housing Partnerships Initiative (AHPI) resulted from the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program Agreement being signed between Alberta Seniors and Community Supports and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation on June 24, 2002. On August 15, 2005, Phase II of the Affordable Housing Partnerships Initiative was signed, which will commit $63 million over two years to increase the supply of affordable housing in Alberta.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, not-for-profit groups, local community housing authorities, and the private sector.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	The AHPI is targeted to high-growth, high-need urban centres and other areas with considerable housing needs to increase the supply of and access to affordable rental housing for low-income families and individuals, persons with special needs, and seniors. Proposals will be selected based on the following evaluation criteria: • Experienced in the delivery and operations of affordable housing projects • The establishment of effective partnerships to plan, construct, own and administer affordable housing • Response to the priority housing needs in the community • Proposals should adhere to the Modesty Assurance Guidelines For the purposes of this initiative, affordable housing is defined as housing that is modest in terms of floor area and amenities, based on household needs and community norms, and with rents that are affordable to the targeted households (modesty assurance guidelines).
Project Examples:	Buildings or units created through new development, conversions from non-housing uses, or units that are retained in the housing system through major renovations and meet the definition of affordable housing.
Financial Assistance Available:	The AHPI provides one-time grants for eligible capital projects. Eligible projects may receive combined federal and provincial funding that is the lesser of $150,000 or 50 percent of the capital cost of the unit. A grant funding agreement is required for each approved project that will specify the terms and conditions for the payment of federal and provincial funding and any contributions by others for the project. Only capital costs are funded under the initiative.
Program Timelines:	Two-year program (fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2006/2007).
Application Deadlines:	March, 2007.
Web Site:	www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/housing/affordable_housing/affordablehsg_initiatives/AHPI_II/index.asp

Contact Information:	Alberta Seniors and Community Supports Housing Services Division 4th Floor, Standard Life Centre 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 427-5786 F: (780) 422-5124

Rural Affordable Supportive Living

RURAL CAPITAL PROJECTS INITIATIVE

Objectives:	To provide affordable supportive living options to accommodate persons with high health care needs that would benefit from a more appropriate alternative to long-term care accommodation.
Description:	The Rural Affordable Supportive Living Program (RASL) provides support to develop affordable supportive living accommodation outside of the municipal boundaries of the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary through partnership arrangements between voluntary or private sector organizations or local community groups and Regional Health Authorities. Alberta Seniors and Community Supports is responsible for the delivery of this program. Supportive living means a philosophy and an approach for providing services within a housing environment. It provides a home-like setting where people can maintain control over their lives while also receiving the support they need.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, management bodies established under the Alberta Housing Act, non-profit organizations incorporated under the Societies Act, Part 9 of the Companies Act, or the Cooperatives Act, and other organizations at the discretion of the Minister of Alberta Seniors and Community Supports.

Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects must comply with all of the following criteria:
	• The project must be located outside of the municipal boundaries of the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary.
	• The housing proponent must be a non-profit voluntary or private sector organization, local housing authority or management body, community group, municipality or some combination thereof.
	• The housing proponent must own or lease the proposed supportive living project.
	• The Regional Health Authority should support the proposed project.
	• The project must provide supportive living spaces capable of accommodating persons with high health and personal care needs who may otherwise require placement in a long-term care facility.
	• The project must be clearly defined and financially sustainable in the longer term. The housing proponent must clearly show a commitment and capability to manage the cost of developing, financing, maintaining and operating the project.
	• The project must benefit residents of the community and/or health region in one or more of the following ways:
	  • By achieving a more appropriate mix of facility-based and supportive living accommodation in the community
	  • By improving access to services in a community that is relatively under-serviced
	  • By decreasing the waiting time for continuing care placement in the health region
	  • By providing an improved standard of accommodation that is capable of safely meeting their higher care needs.
	Priority may be given to projects that will directly result in a shift in local continuing care service capacity from long-term care to supportive living. As well, priority will be given to supportive living facilities that provide accommodation for senior citizens with high health care and personal care needs.

Project Examples:	Examples of supportive living arrangements now in place in Alberta include lodges, enhanced lodges, designated assisted living, group homes, and adult family living/family care homes.
Financial Assistance Available:	The provincial contribution under this program will be generally limited to a maximum of 50 percent of the total initial capital cost of the project. Under exceptional circumstances, this may be increased to a higher percentage to ensure the accommodation remains affordable.
Program Timelines:	One time program (2006/2007).
Application Deadlines:	October 16, 2006.
Web Site:	www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/RASLP/index.asp
Contact Information:	Alberta Seniors and Community Support Services Suite 330 Standard Life Building 10405 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7 T: (780) 644-7648 F: (780) 644-5499 E-mail: Rasl@gov.ab.ca or contact your Regional Heath Authority

Alberta **Solicitor General and Public Security**

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Grant Program

Objectives:	To support communities in delivering situational crime prevention or Crime Prevention through Social Development (CPSD) initiatives that address local crime concerns.
Description:	The Alberta Community Crime Prevention (ACCP) Grant Program is available as a part of Alberta's Crime Prevention Strategy, founded on recommendations arising from the 1999 Alberta Summit on Justice. Situational crime prevention approaches are designed to deter criminal behaviour or make criminal acts more difficult to commit. This approach focuses on reducing the opportunity for crime to occur, increasing the risk of detection and reducing the rewards resulting from a criminal act. Crime Prevention through Social Development focuses on addressing the social and economic factors that may place individuals at risk to commit crime or be victimized.
Eligible Entities:	Eligible entities include non-profit and volunteer organizations, societies, and associations as well as community-based coalitions and networks (a fiscal agent must be identified in the application). Non-profit professional organizations and associations are also eligible along with Aboriginal communities including Bands and Tribal Councils.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	ACCP grant applications must demonstrate the following: • Community safety and crime prevention - Address a community's crime concerns and crime prevention needs • Build on existing structures - Promote community partnerships with justice practitioners, social service providers, and other stakeholders • Sustainability - Commitment to an overall vision of community safety allowing flexibility to responsively address emerging issues • Planning - Crime prevention strategies are developed through a logical and systematic planning process (i.e., identify problem, develop plan, implement, and evaluate) • Evaluation - Monitoring and assessing initiative actions and outcomes
Project Examples:	• Persons with disabilities crime prevention guide • Family asset building • Youth programs fostering pro social behaviour • Citizens on Patrol initiatives • Personal property registry
Financial Assistance Available:	Maximum grant amount available is $50,000 per initiative.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Spring or summer, date to be confirmed annually.
Web Site:	www.solgen.gov.ab.ca/crime_prev/community_safety_grants.aspx

Contact Information:	Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice Programs Public Security Division Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security 10th Floor, John E. Brownlee Building 10365 - 97 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7 T: (780) 427-3457 F: (780) 427-5916

Alberta Community Restorative Justice Grant Program

Objectives:	To build a restorative justice foundation in Alberta, ensuring public confidence in community restorative justice processes that meet locally identified priorities.
Description:	During the 1999 Alberta Summit on Justice, delegates recommended that victims be given a more meaningful role in the justice process and that they achieve equal status with accused persons and offenders. Delegates also indicated that offenders should be held directly accountable to the community and to the individuals who have been harmed by their actions through the use of restorative justice processes. In response to these recommendations, Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security developed a Community Justice Policy based on restorative justice principles. The policy commits the Government of Alberta to working in partnership with communities, grassroots agencies and other government departments to make restorative justice processes more widely available in Alberta and to improve outcomes for Albertans affected by crime and victimization.
Eligible Entities:	Not-for-profit groups and organizations with corporate legal status. Applications from coalitions involving organizations that do not have corporate legal status may apply, provided an organization that has corporate legal status belongs to the coalition and submits the application.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Restorative justice proposals must: • Fill a community need and complement existing community safety initiatives • Operate within the context of the Canadian justice system • Advance the principles and application of restorative justice as endorsed by Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security and promote safer communities in partnership with the justice system • Demonstrate benefits to victims, offenders and the community • Have support from the local police service, Chief Crown Prosecutor, victims' groups, other referral agencies, and where appropriate, other criminal justice officials, community groups or fellow restorative justice practitioners
Project Examples:	• Provincial restorative justice study • Community group conferencing training • Hiring of a sentencing circle coordinator
Financial Assistance Available:	There is no limit set on the amount of funding requested for individual proposals. There is, however, a total of $600,000 available province-wide to support eligible initiatives. Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security intends to support as many eligible initiatives as possible within the total amount of available funding.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Fall or winter, date to be confirmed annually.
Web Site:	www.solgen.gov.ab.ca/crime_prev/community_safety_grants.aspx

Contact Information:	Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice Programs Public Security Division Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security 10th Floor, John E. Brownlee Building 10365 – 97 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7 T: (780) 427-3457 F: (780) 427-5916

Municipal Policing Assistance Grant

Objectives:	To help communities meet the costs of policing services.
Description:	The Municipal Policing Assistance Grant (MPAG) is intended to ensure that municipalities have adequate and effective policing and policing oversight. In addition, the Program assists in implementing provincial policing initiatives and enhances policing services to the citizens.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities with population over 5,000.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	All municipalities that pay for their own policing qualify for this program (population over 5,000). Recipients must provide reports on how the grant funds were used.
Project Examples:	Examples of 2005/2006 Grants: Town of St. Paul - $241,152; Airdrie - $458,484; Calgary - $15,297,248
Financial Assistance Available:	• Towns and cities with a population between 5,001 to 20,000 receive a $200,000 base payment plus an additional $8.00 per capita • Cities and urban service areas with a population between 20,001 to 100,000 receive a $100,000 base payment plus $14.00 per capita • Cities with a population over 100,000 receive grants of $16.00 per capita Population numbers are based on Official Population List as provided by Alberta Municipal Affairs.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Timelines:	No application required; grant is issued annually to all eligible municipalities.
Web Site:	http://www.solgen.gov.ab.ca/policing/mpag.aspx
Contact Information:	Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security 10th floor, John E. Brownlee Building 10365 - 97 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7 T: (780) 427-0546 F: (780) 427-1903

Victim Program Grants

Objectives:	To provide information and assistance to victims of crime who are currently involved in the criminal justice process.
Description:	The Victims of Crime Act establishes a grants program that provides operating funds to eligible groups and organizations that have applied and provide services to benefit victims of crime. A Victims of Crime Program Committee appointed by the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security evaluates applications and makes recommendations to the Minister regarding the provision of grants.
Eligible Entities:	Groups and organizations that are supported by their community to provide programs and services that benefit victims of crime during their involvement with the criminal justice process. Priority for funding is given to police-based programs that use volunteers for program delivery.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Eligible projects must benefit victims of crime to receive consideration from the Victims of Crime Programs Committee and the Minister. This includes support, information about the criminal justice system and benefits available to victims, including the Financial Benefits Program, Requesting Restitution Program and Victim Impact Statements. Eligible projects must also provide referrals to community organizations that assist victims of crime and help victims prepare for attendance in court. Projects that receive grant funding must apply the Principles outlining the treatment of victims contained in the *Victims of Crime Act*. In addition to a pre-application interview and a formal application form, letters of support are required. These letters demonstrate support from the police, Crown and other members of the criminal justice system, and from significant community organizations. Organizations applying for grants must also demonstrate that they have received or are seeking other sources of funding.
Project Examples:	Victims of Crime grants are one source of operating funds for police-based victim service units and support such costs as salaries, training expenses, vehicle mileage, volunteer appreciation and others.

Financial Assistance Available:	One initiative per organization/applicant per year is eligible to be considered for funding. The maximum grant awarded is $100,000. Based on the assessment of the project by the Victims of Crime Program Committee and the decision of the Minister, funding recommended and awarded may be less than that sought by the applicant.
	
	Police-based victim service units have two funding streams:
	• **Base Funding**: A base funding formula employs a per crime amount calculated using three year average violent crime statistics for each victim service unit to determine grant allocation amounts. The minimum base funding allocation is $8,000.
	• **Discretionary Funding:** In addition to base funding, discretionary funding may be awarded if any of the following factors apply:
	  • Large geographical area/low population density (recognizes distance, remoteness and costs incurred for travel and training)
	  • Unique demographics (recognizes additional costs for developing specialized programs to meet needs)
	  • Weaker economic base (recognizes limitations on the potential for community financial support)
	  • Lack of other support services (recognizes that a wide range of services are provided)

	• New programs/initiatives (recognizes new programs, program expansion and enhancement) • Other special circumstances that may be identified by the applicant. Specialized community initiatives that are not police-based but benefit victims of crime can also apply for grants. All funding for these programs is discretionary. Multi-year Funding of up to three years may be considered, where an established program has: • Operated successfully for three consecutive years in partnership with Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security • Met the conditions of previous funding agreements • Demonstrated sound management practices Grant monies must be directed toward program/initiative operating costs only. The following are not eligible for funding: • Capital purchases; (such as computers, furniture, photocopiers, vehicles) • Debt reduction • Programs which are within another government department's funding mandate (e.g., emergency accommodation) • Lobbying activities • Counselling/treatment programs • Programs/initiatives that duplicate services already provided by another agency
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring.
Application Deadlines:	April 1 and October 1. Applicants should contact the Manager, Grants Administration at least one month prior to submitting an application to determine if the project is eligible to be considered for a grant.
Web Site:	www.solgen.gov.ab.ca/victim/program_grants.aspx
Contact Information:	Manager, Grants Administration Public Security Division Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security 10th Floor North, John E. Brownlee Building 10365 - 97 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7 T: (780) 427-3460 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (780) 422-4213

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FireSmart Community Grant Program

Objectives:	To provide funding for communities in Alberta's forested areas to help protect people and property from the potential impacts of wildfire.
Description:	With more people living in forested areas, wildfires can seriously threaten communities and public safety, as was seen with the large fires in 2003 near Kelowna, B.C. and in Alberta's Crowsnest Pass area. The FireSmart Community Grant Program encourages communities to be prepared with new provincial funding that helps protect communities from wildfire.
Eligible Entities:	Municipalities, Métis settlements, and registered non-profit societies within the Forest Protection Area of Alberta.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	Each project is reviewed and rated according to hazard and risk, values at risk, ability of project to reduce hazard and risk, demonstrated community support to FireSmart program, equity contribution and demonstrated ability for success.
Project Examples:	• Developing a community FireSmart plan, including a wildland/urban interface plan • Managing vegetation to create community firebreaks • Providing public education to residents and stakeholders • Providing cross-training for local emergency responders, to prepare them to fight wildfires in urban areas • Ensuring a wildfire emergency response plan is in place • Wildland/urban interface fuel modification • Other wildland/urban interface initiatives that may be considered on a case-by-case basis
Financial Assistance Available:	Each eligible project can apply for up to a maximum of $50,000 and will be assessed individually for need to determine full or partial funding of the maximum.
Program Timelines:	Annually recurring, but subject to annual review.
Application Deadlines:	Applications will be accepted starting May 1, 2006. Deadline for application is June 15, 2006.
Web Site:	www.srd.gov.ab.ca/wildfires/fpd/firesmart.cfm
Contact Information:	Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Information Centre Main Floor, 9920 – 108 Street Edmonton, AB T5K 2M4 T: (780) 944-0313 F: (780) 427-4407

Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program

Objectives:	To provide financial assistance to municipalities that incur extraordinary costs while actioning wildfires.
Description:	The Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program is a joint initiative between Municipal Affairs and Sustainable Resource Development. It was established in 2002 to help reduce both the risk and losses associated with wildfires. It is designed to provide financial assistance to municipalities when they incur extraordinary costs for the suppression of wildfires.
Eligible Entities:	On any lands outside the "Forest Protection Area" where Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) does not have the jurisdiction.
Project Eligibility Criteria:	To be eligible, a municipality must contact SRD as early as practicable when a wildfire happens and use SRD resources if deemed appropriate. In addition, the municipalities must demonstrate that they have implemented wildfire prevention initiatives. A wildfire is any unplanned or unwanted natural or human caused fire, that burns in forested or grassland areas.
Project Examples:	*Not available.*
Financial Assistance Available:	Municipal Affairs will reimburse the municipality for 75 percent of eligible costs where those costs exceed $25.00 per capita during any provincial fiscal year (April 1 through March 31). The official population figures published by Alberta Municipal Affairs in the preceding fiscal year will be used to determine per capita costs. Emergency operations costs directly associated with the suppression of wildfires will be considered eligible. The program will not cover costs: • That could have been reasonably prevented or avoided • For which insurance was readily and reasonably available • Which could likely be recovered through legal action • Which could be recovered through other government programs The program stipulates that costs billed to the municipality by SRD will be reduced by 75 percent once the municipality has reached the $25.00 per capita amount, either through use of SRD resources or other eligible municipal costs.
Program Timelines:	Annual recurring.
Application Deadlines:	Once the municipality has determined that it has incurred costs in excess of $25.00 per capita, it must contact Emergency Management Alberta (EMA) who will arrange for a review of appropriate municipal records.
Web Site:	www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/
Contact Information:	Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program Emergency Management Alberta 14515 - 122 Ave Edmonton, AB T5L 2W4 T: (780) 422-9000 or toll-free by first dialling 310.0000 F: (780) 422-1549

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